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STATIONS	No. 2 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 10 A.M.	No. 12 A.M.	No. 12 P.M.	No. 13 P.M.	No. 14 P.M.	No. 15 P.M.	No. 16 P.M.	No. 17 P.M.	No. 18 P.M.	No. 19 P.M.	No. 20 P.M.	No. 21 P.M.	No. 22 P.M.
Kowloon Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.08	9.15	10.00	12.10	1.15	2.25	4.30	5.40	7.20			
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	6.49					9.25	10.05	12.15	1.20			4.38	5.48	7.28	
Shatin Dep.	7.01					9.38	10.18	12.28	1.33			4.50	6.00	7.58	
Tai Po Dep.	7.15					9.52	10.32	12.42	1.47			5.04	6.13	8.09	
Market Dep.	7.20											5.09	6.17	8.13	
Fanning Dep.	7.30											5.18	6.27	8.23	
Sham Shui Dep.	7.35											5.23	6.32	8.27	
Shum Chun Dep.	7.41											5.28	6.36	8.32	
Canton Arr.		12.05													

DOWN TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 11 A.M.	No. 15 A.M.	No. 17 P.M.	No. 19 P.M.	No. 21 P.M.	No. 23 P.M.	No. 25 P.M.	No. 27 P.M.	No. 29 P.M.	No. 31 P.M.	No. 33 P.M.	No. 35 P.M.
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AN AMERICAN VIEW OF YORKSHIRE PUDDING.
A TRULY THIRST-PROVOKING STORY!

London.—London is on the defensive. It has been attacked recently by two of its former allies. A French doctor, in the course of a thesis on the relations between natural character and diet, stated that the Englishman lives on rump steaks and whisky.

An American Scoutmaster returned home from the Scouts Jamboree with tales of a miserable and wicked London, full of all sorts of obnoxious looking people, mostly drunks. He enumerated the number of intoxicated Londoners he was able to count in one block. Some Londoners are wondering how many drinks he had before he started counting.

"Scotch Milk."

It is hard to picture London as the two visiting gentlemen have described it. At the same time there is no doubt that rump steaks and whisky play important parts in the city's daily food and drink. But it is not to be imagined that London's homes, hotels, and restaurants are filled at meal time with Englishmen solemnly chewing rump steak, washed down with a glass of Scotch milk, any more than one would expect to find the citizens of Boston confining their diet to beans and tea.

Had the French doctor said that Englishmen feed chiefly on roast beef and beer, he would have struck closer to the heart and stomach of the nation. The roast beef of Old England, accompanied by Yorkshire pudding, potatoes and gravy, and cabbage or Brussels sprouts is a tradition of the English table, and also makes very good eating. Beer in a glass is a popular addition to such setting, although some Englishmen, as well as other people, drink whisky and soda with their meals. Rump steaks are available in restaurants with "chips," the local nickname for fried potatoes, or with kidney and tomato pudding, which is simply kidney and tomatoes localized in the same batter.

Yorkshire pudding is more intricate, and tastes better. It is made with milk, eggs, flour, and perhaps other ingredients, and outwardly resembles a cake that collapsed and was then left in the oven too long. "Yorkshire" is brown, spongy, somewhat inflated, and has a wonderful absorbent capacity for gravy.

It serves splendidly for the practice of "dunking," although this custom, if indulged in, must be done on the sly. Beans or peas may be nicely plastered on top of the Yorkshire with a knife. Americans must remember that Englishmen and all continental eat, "left handed," according to the American standard, holding the fork upside-down in the left hand, and are thus afforded wider range of action with the blade.

Where to Get It.

It is also worth knowing that the best Yorkshire is not obtained in the best places of the County of Yorkshire, although Yorkshire housewives take great pride in this recipe and produce some of the finest Yorkshire puddings in the land.

Visitors to England find the food heavier than that to which they are accustomed. There is a predominance of meat and a lack of the greener edibles. But if they spend a winter in London they will discover that the roast beef of Old England and its weighty colleagues are the only safeguard against the climate. Heavy meals and heavy underwear are essential in the battle against fog, rain, and cold.

The eighteen day diet may be all very well in sunny places, but of them are needed in this city between October and April.

A Pub Crawl?

The American Scoutmaster's tabulation of London's drunks, per block, is considered absurd by Londoners, and a neutral observer finds little to substantiate his allegations. There are certain occasions, such as boat race night or a football cup final at Wembley, when a spirit is displayed similar to that of the flaming youth of the American college campus. Hilarious youths, and some not so young, parade through London's West End with a disregard for everything except having a good time.

International football matches give the visiting Scots or Irishmen plenty of opportunity for whoopee in their own way. But as Mr. Scoutmaster was not here during the International or Varsity season it is to be presumed that he started on a "pub crawl," or at least walked outside a few public houses, or saloons, in an effort to catch London life at its worst.

If he went on a warm evening, say just after dusk on a Saturday night, he probably saw a number of women sitting outside the public houses, some holding babies in their arms, others rocking children in the prams. The women were chatting and drinking beer. Because they can not leave the babies at home alone and can not take them into the pubs under the age of fourteen, the women combine domestic duties with one of the few forms of pleasure they know. Baby gets the air and mamma gets a beer, but she seldom gets too much.

Inside the pub, the steady consumption of beer goes on until the warning of "closing time," and then there is a rush for a final. Burton, Bass, Worthington, or bitter. An Englishman can "nurse" a glass of beer almost as expertly as a Latin American can keep the same drink in front of him for hours. Three or four beers constitute a successful evening for the average pub customer, who plays darts, argues politics, and listens to the electric piano between swigs at his glass.

The Englishman loves music and may continue the song started inside the pub when he gets on a tram or bus. Eight beers are recognised as a full load, hence the popular expression, "one over the eight," used to designate a man who sings a bit loudly and has some difficulty with his navigation. Drunk men, and in rare instances women, are seen in London, just as they are seen in every great city of the world. But it is a safe bet that your friend who visited London last summer will tell you that he saw fewer drunks here than he is accustomed to seeing in New York or Chicago.

London has a suspicion about that Scoutmaster; it suspects him of being a prohibitionist who "learned about London" in the hasty manner of a day excursionist.

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Diary of Coming Events.

To-day,
(December 18.)

H.K. University Amateur Photographic Club Exhibition, 9 a.m.
H.K. Art Club Annual Exhibition, Mercantile Bank Building, 10 a.m.
Industrial and Commercial Bank Ltd. Ordinary General Meeting, York Building, 2 p.m.
Boy Scouts Association, Annual Meeting, Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.
Philharmonic Society presents "The Geisha" Theatre Royal, 4.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Through Different Eyes."
World Theatre: "The Waning Sex" and at 2.30 and 7.15 "Clean Souls" Chinese picture.
Star Theatre: "Moana."
Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 8.30 p.m.
Tides: High, 2 p.m. and 10.09 p.m.; Low, 5.04 a.m. and 3.34 p.m.
European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Vancouver, B.C., and via Siberia (Empress of Asia), 10 a.m.

Thursday,
(December 19.)

H.K. University Amateur Photographic Club Exhibition, 9 a.m.

H.K. Art Club Annual Exhibition, Mercantile Bank Building, 10 a.m.
Victoria British School, Annual prize giving, 10.30 a.m.
Kowloon Junior School, annual prize giving, 11 a.m.
Legislative Council Meeting 2 p.m.
Philharmonic Society presents "The Geisha" Theatre Royal, 4.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Broadway Melody."
World Theatre: "The Terror."
Star Theatre: "Fortune Hunter."
R.A.F. Officer's dance Peninsula Hotel.
Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Hong Kong and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.
Tides: High, 1.04 p.m. and 10.59 p.m.; Low, 5.44 a.m. and 3.15 p.m.
European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Angers), 9.30 p.m.

Friday,
(December 20.)

H.K. University Amateur Photographic Club Exhibition, 9 a.m.
Christian Fellowship Meeting, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

H.K. Art Club Annual Exhibition, Mercantile Bank Building, 10 a.m.
Property Auction (56, Reclamation St.) Lammeris, 3 p.m.
Unveiling of portraits of late Dr. (Mrs.) A. D. Hickling, Tsan Yuk Hospital, 3 p.m.
Constituent Meeting of H.K. Flying Club, City Hall, 4 p.m.
Canon Streeter Conducts Conference for Ministers of Religion and Educationalists, Cathedral Hall, 4 p.m.—6.30 p.m.
Peak School, annual prize giving Peak Club, 5.15 p.m.
Philharmonic Society presents "The Geisha" Theatre Royal, 4.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.
Warwick Revue Company: "High Lights," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Broadway Melody."
World Theatre: "The Terror."
Star Theatre: "Fortune Hunter."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Peninsula Hotel and Hong Kong Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
Tides: High, 2.05 p.m. and 11.54 p.m.; Low, 5.42 a.m. and 3.01 p.m.
European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Aki Maru), 9.30 a.m.

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"Good morning Miss Shoe, you look positively charming."
"A personal reflection, I assure you, Mr. Nugget."

SINGAPORE TO LONDON.

LIGHT CAR'S LONG JOURNEY.

Following a large part of the course pioneered by Mr. Francis Birtles, the Australian overlander, Messrs. Walter Gideon and Raju have driven from Singapore to London in a Riley Nine. They covered 13,000 miles in five months and 20 days, crossing some of the wildest and most barren parts of Asia and the Balkans.

The motorists set out from Singapore on March 16 last, the car being a standard open four-seater, with no accessories fittings. From Singapore they drove to Kuala Lumpur, and crossed to Penang, whence they shipped the car to Cawentia, and Rangoon. After some trouble with the Indian Customs, who demanded a heavy deposit of duty on the car, they headed along the Grand Trunk Road to Bombay. Before reaching Bombay hungry wolves attacked the car, which, however, outpaced them. From Bombay they traversed India, via Lahore, Montgomery, Dera, Ghazi Khan, and along the banks of the Grand Canal to Khanelaw, Multan, and Ghazi Ghat, where they crossed the River Indus by a boat bridge.

Adventures in Persia.

From Quetta to Duzali (approximately 300 miles) the car passed through practically a barren waste, with numerous sandy patches, in which the car sank deep, and had to be shovelled out. The Persian frontier was crossed at Mora Jarva, where a river bed had to be followed for two miles. This was strewn with boulders, and it took three-quarters of an hour to cover the two miles. After a stay of a few days gathering information at Duzdab, the car made for Meshed, 600 miles away. To avoid the heat 150 miles were covered at night. A hot wind blowing across this patch, which is sometimes fatal to human beings as well as animals, is known as the Dask-i-Lut. Roads were in dreadful condition. Transport there is done by large lorries and buses, which cut deep ruts in the hot, sandy soil. The car arrived at Meshed at a time of deep mourning, and British subjects in the locality were warned by the Consul not to leave their homes. After staying 10 days the car proceeded to Teheran. The weather was becoming cold, snow being seen on hill-tops, and very steep grades had to be negotiated. Water had to be carried, as the car was traversing salt deserts. For 300 miles roads were very rough, but improved near Teheran. From Teheran, Messrs. Gideon and Raju passed through Hamadan, Khermanshab, and Khankin, where they crossed into Iraq. Most of the time during the journey through Persia they lived on boiled eggs and hard bread, but occasionally obtained supplies of fruit. Every 50 or 60 miles they were held up and questioned by officials, and altogether they were glad to leave Persia.

A Long Journey.

The roads from the border to Bagdad were rough. They were also bad for the journey to Mosul and Aleppo in Syria. From Aleppo to Alexandretta, however, was quite good going. Heavy rain made the roads from Alexandretta through Turkey impassable, so the car was shipped to Athens, and followed a route through Salonika to Sofia (Bulgaria). The roads in Greece were bad, but great hospitality was extended to the motorists in this section. Rain made the roads muddy in Yugoslavia. It was not until they had passed through Belgrade and reached Budapest that roads really fit for motor traffic were found. The route for the rest of the journey through Europe was via Vienna, Munich, and Paris to Calais, where the car was shipped to Dover and driven to London.

Of the distance covered 11,650 miles were by land and 1,565 by sea. The engine of the little car was not decarbonised during the whole journey, and the only mechanical trouble was the breaking of springs. This started in Baluchistan, and necessitated many repairs and replacements. Otherwise the greatest difficulties experienced were climatic conditions, Customs formalities, nail punctures, and the peculiarities of some of the different nationalities with whom the travellers came in contact.

A stock President Eight recently negotiated a far-famed Kurrjaong Heights in New South Wales in top gear in an officially certificated test run. Kurrjaong Heights—a 41 mile grind—is rated as one of the stiffest climbs in the world.

Dodging wild game at 70 miles an hour on Indian roads and crossing rivers on railway trestles were among the adventures of a long country run in which a Studebaker President Eight Roadster set a new road between Calcutta and Bombay.

DEVELOPMENTS IN NEXT YEAR'S CARS.

NEW LINES OF PROGRESS AND PRODUCTION.

MOVEABLE ROOFS AND COOLED LUBRICATION.

RELIEVING OWNER-DRIVERS OF WORK.

There are no secrets about the coming motor show. Many of next year's cars are already obtainable, and we know most of what is to be known about the remainder, writes "R.C." in the *Manchester Guardian*. Manufacturers have abandoned the methods of the conjurer; there will be no producing of unexpected rabbits from a hat. Nor shall we look for the £100 car. If one were to be forthcoming the public would not buy it. In point of fact such a car could be made by giving it the very minimum of equipment and a body of sorts, but compared with what can be got to-day for from £130 upwards to the modest limit of £300 it would be dear at the price. Manufacturers and public alike recognise this, and the £100 car, long looked for once and regarded as something highly desirable, is dead before it is born.

But although there are no secrets and some may be already using 1930 cars, that is not to say that the coming show will lack interest. As a spectacle, as an event, it will be as attractive as ever. For the motorist who knows something about cars it will rank as one disclosing more progress than any show during the past five or six years. It will prove once again that there is no finality in design. In appearance, in the outward details of the car that catch the eye, but much more particularly in items of design, coachbuilders and chassis designers have entered upon new lines of progress.

All-Purpose Cars.

Improvements in appearance may be dealt with first, because they are the more apparent; and, moreover, the lines and finish and the convenience a car offers, all broadly falling in the coachbuilder's work, are once again strong selling points. The chief improvement is the development of the coupe, which, in face of the accepted meaning of terms, is now becoming a four-seater coupe. With this goes refinement of line of the built-in luggage-carrier.

Other important developments have relation to the movable roof. The coupe, especially in its four-seater form, is now a successful attempt to enclose the old-type dickey seat under the roof. It provides a compact car, one that is really a two-seater but that gives accommodation for four, or even five, by narrowing the space between the rear seat and the backs of the front seats, leg room being given by the provision of wells in the floor. In the result there is no cramping of the rear-seat passengers, and a decided gain in that their seat is brought well forward of the rear axle. This provides the most comfortable riding position. When this type is allied with the movable roof we get, in a real sense of the word, the all-purpose car. This movable roof has made great strides of late along differing lines. It may be a sliding section of a coach-built roof that when pushed back throws half the roof open to the sky. It can be manipulated by the driver from his seat in a matter of seconds, and for convenience is unequalled.

The claim is made for it that it cuts out draughts when open to the back seat, thereby doing away with the need for a rear screen. The movable hood takes two general forms. One gives a fixed rear quarter; that is to say, the rear portion of the roof and side are coach-built and fixed. The hood folds back on to this quarter, and can be neatly stowed away in a cover.

The other type folds all the way back to the body, and the folding is done by means of a handle. In both types there is more convenience of operation, and the opening and closing of the hood is more quickly done, than is the case with the type of hood fitted to the touring car. When all enclosed the car is not easily distinguishable from the saloon proper.

Cooled Lubrication.

But it is in technical matters that most progress has been made. Here the manufacturers have entered upon fresh and unusually interesting avenues of progress, and in the result we are going to get better and more economical performance and longer life of engine and working parts. What has happened is that the makers have at last solved the problem of cooling the oil that lubricates the engine.

The problem has been to deliver cool oil at these bearings and throughout the oil circulation system, and this is now provided for by utilizing the radiator—in its flow through the engine—the oil now carried through a part of the radiator, and is there cooled just

as is the water in the water circulating system. In combination with the oil filter, this system delivers cooled and cleansed oil to the parts requiring lubrication, and the life of the oil and also the life of the engine is increased.

There is also better and more economical performance on the road. In the productions of at least one firm adopting this radiator-cooling system can be cut out in winter by the use of a by-pass valve, which is an interesting refinement of the principle. Progress goes still farther, for one well-known firm in at least one of its models now traps the fumes which come from the heated oil. These fumes have been a problem to the designer, and a nuisance especially to owners of closed cars, for they penetrated the interior of the car, causing that well-known stuffy atmosphere, and headaches. These fumes are now taken back to the carburettor, and whilst they cannot now enter the car, there is further gain in that mixing with the fuel they serve to lubricate the upper portions of the cylinders. It is a process that directly contributes to economy of running.

There is a wider adoption, in one form or another, of central lubrication for the chassis, which relieves the owner-driver of much troublesome work, but as yet there is no sign that power-driven tyre pumps are coming. Nor have makers yet realised that the Continental system which enables the owner to empty his engine sump of oil without having to crawl under the car to open the plug would be a welcome improvement. But even lacking these things, design in the new cars shows striking progress, and though the non-technical motorist may not understand how it all comes about, he will find a road performance and an economy of upkeep in next year's models that will please him.

BUDGET CONCESSION TO ROAD TRANSPORT.

It has not been realized by everyone connected with road transport, points out *The Commercial Motor*, that the small concession proposed by Mr. Winston Churchill in the second half of the Finance Act was dropped by the present Government when it refused to concern itself with this particular portion. Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P., the present Chancellor of the Exchequer, has, however, given an assurance that the matter of this concession shall receive attention in his Budget.

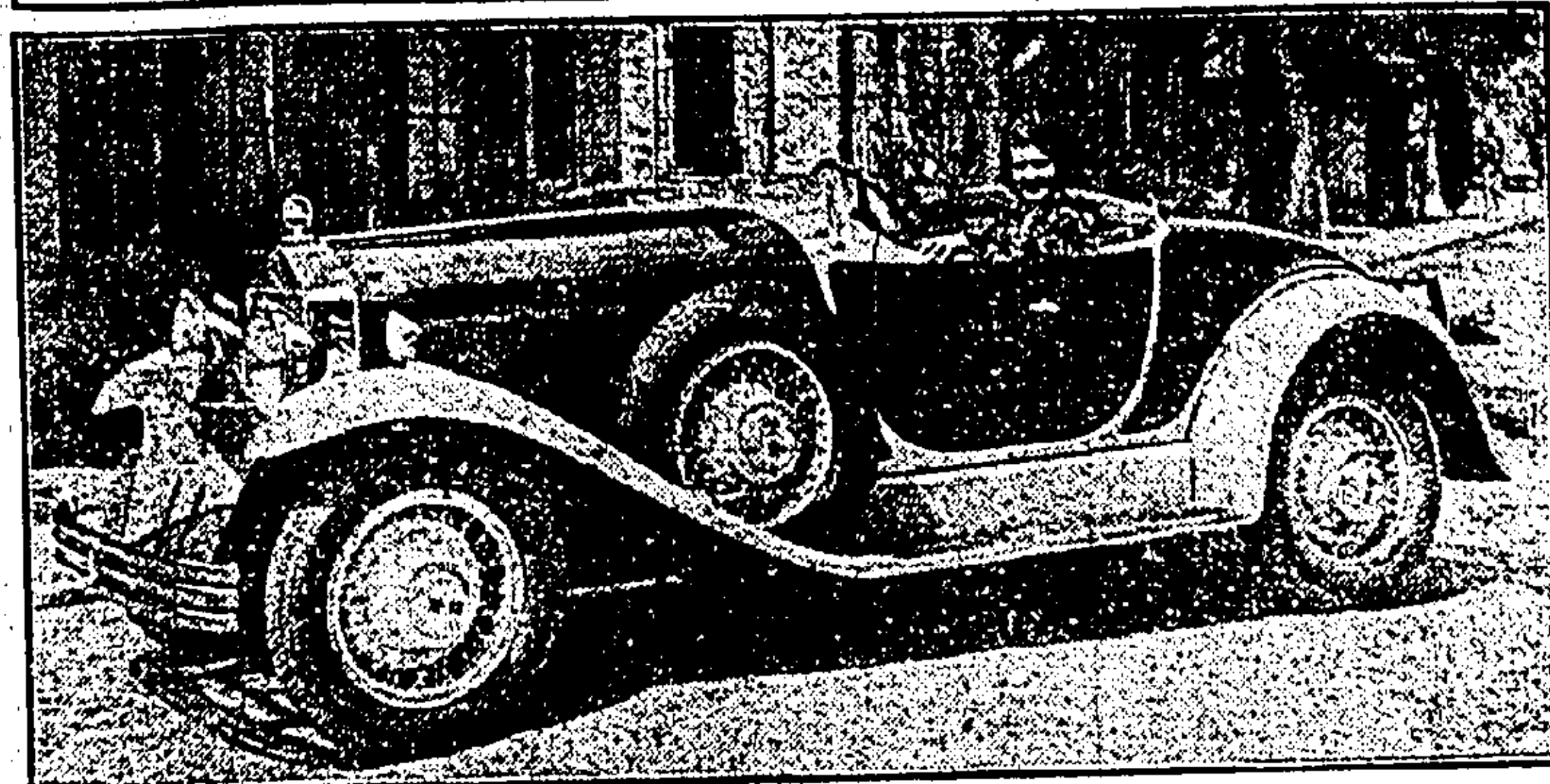
It was proposed that the rate of duty for goods vehicles of which the unladen weight is over 2 tons but does not exceed 2½ tons should be reduced from £40 to £35, with the existing rebate of 20 per cent. in cases where the vehicles are equipped with pneumatic tyres. There is some hope that the Chancellor will see his way to helping road transport to a larger extent than this, and *The Commercial Motor* suggests that, in addition to the particular concession to which we have already referred, this could be effected by increasing the rebate where pneumatic tyres are employed. This is of particular importance in the case of the heavier classes of vehicle, the equipping of which with pneumatic tyres would involve the owners in considerable expense, and yet it is their use on these very machines which would do so much towards preventing excessive wear and damage to the roads.

TURNABLES TO AVOID DELAYS.

A few modern garages, some owned by private concerns, are equipped with simple form of turntable by which much delay and the risk of damage through manoeuvring in limited spaces are obviated. *The Commercial Motor* is of the opinion that such devices as these could well be utilized to a greater extent, not only in the particular sphere to which we have alluded, but to assist in the avoidance of congestion at places where loading and unloading have to be carried out in confined areas.

Much, of course, depends upon the size of the vehicles which have to be handled. If of considerable length, then, turning them on a table might require excessive space the need for too elaborate a construction, but there are many dead-end points where an undue amount of vehicle-reversing has to be carried out, and a turntable might be found to prove a solution of the difficulty.

Willys-Knight Roadster Charms Film Star



Myrna Kennedy, Universal movie star, just had to slip into the driver's seat and try the controls when she saw this snappy green and black sport roadster, newest offering in the Willys-Knight line of Great Sixes. It's a car to match her unusual beauty. A striking new effect in color has been attained by the use of black, light green and cream.

The dashing appearance of the model is heightened by the long sweep of the fenders, new hood louvers and streamlined body. Driver's seat and the spacious rumble seat are upholstered in leather. The powerful sleeve-valve Knight engine furnishes speed far in excess of all demands.

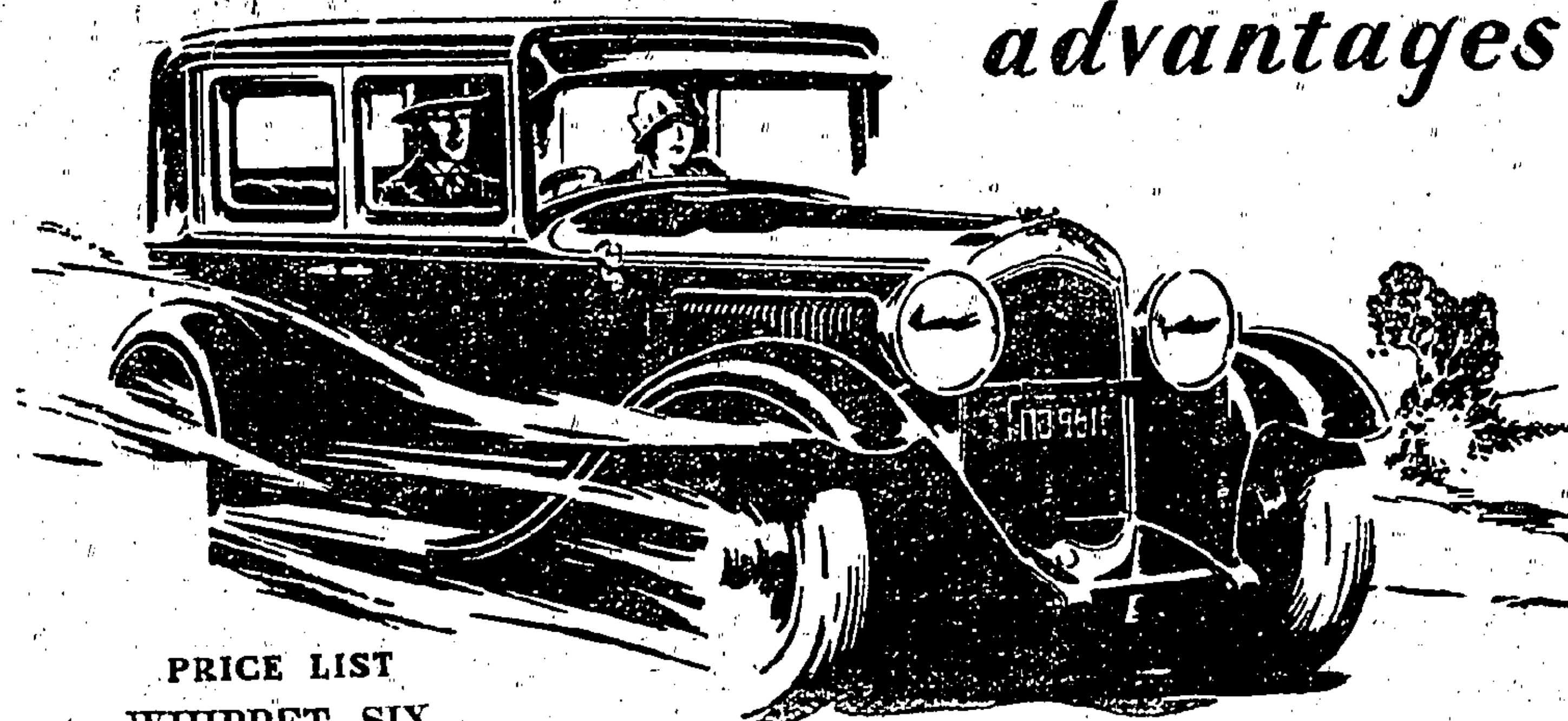
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MOTOR TRANSPORT.

1929'S RECORD.

That the motorization of transportation in practically every country in the world will set a new record in 1930 is indicated by statistics on overseas truck shipments recently compiled by the United States Department of Commerce. During the first four months of 1929, commercial shipments increased 93 per cent. over the corresponding months of 1928.

At the present rate of increase, overseas truck business this year should almost double that of 1928, in the opinion of H. S. Welch, President of The Studebaker Corporation. "A total of 105,447 motor trucks were shipped to world markets in 1927, followed by a total of 138,753 in 1928," he said. "Shipments this year should approximate 200,000 units."

An Imposing Gain.

Compared with the industry as a whole, Studebaker's commercial business is in an excellent condition. During the first half of the year, shipments of Studebaker trucks were more than three times greater than shipments in the corresponding six-month period in 1928.

"A still more imposing gain is anticipated during the remaining months of 1929," Mr. Welch continued. "With a complete line of commercial units, including truck, bus, ambulance and funeral car chassis, the Corporation is in a strategic position to meet the growing world-wide demand for motorization. In addition to a chassis of 220-inch wheelbase recently announced, Studebaker will soon have a new light truck chassis ready for shipment."

"The new chassis, of 148-inch wheelbase, is especially designed for service in overseas countries. It (Continued on preceding column).

MOTOR NOTES

RAINBOW SPECTACLE OF 1,000 MOTOR-CARS.

FIGHT FOR EUROPE'S MARKETS.

Paris.—Motor-cars to the number of 1,000, the latest mechanical creations of every manufacturing nation, made a dazzling spectacle to-night as they were being massed in the Grand Palais for the opening of the French Motor Show, writes a correspondent to a London newspaper.

The first impression was one of considerable surprise. Looking at the mechanical feast spread out under the dazzling lights of the great hall, I felt instinctively that something was missing. Then it became clear; the fabric type of body which was such a vogue at last year's show has died a sudden death, at least as far as the motorizing mode on the Continent is concerned. True, there were fabric cars here and there; but steel bodies and coach-built bodies have suddenly come into favour again, and they formed by far the majority. Motor fashions are becoming almost as fickle as dress fashions.

Fabric Heads.

While coach-built bodies have come back, they are in a new form. Fabric is used extensively for the tops or heads and in most cases is of a different colour to the main body.

The effect looked charming to-night, the harmonising of the colours giving a distinct rainbow effect. Black, too, has gone out of favour as a colour. The new rainbow cars should appeal greatly to feminine tastes.

On the mechanical side there is much that is new, and the manufacturers of the various nations must, I should imagine, have excellent systems of liaison; so many entirely new motorizing ideas are incorporated on so many cars of different countries of origin.

Morris Motors in England were the first firm to announce the adoption of an anti-headache device—that is, a method of preventing the fumes from the engines reaching passengers inside the cars. The fumes are generally accepted to be responsible for headaches on long journeys. They escape through the breather on the engine oil filler.

Means of carrying the fumes through the exhaust have been adopted by certain French, German, and United States manufacturers. The principles differ, but beneficial results should be the same.

Some manufacturers have also adopted the two top gears principle—one for high speed and the other of a slightly lower ratio for traffic driving and hill climbing—but what is of considerable importance, the lower gear is as silent as the top gear. This type of gear may be seen on the British Humber and German Wanderer, a new product, the Graham Paige, the first firm to introduce it; and some others.

Germany, it is clear, is getting on her industrial feet, and is about to make a bid for European car markets. She must not be discouraged in the coming struggle, which, as I have already indicated, is about to begin between the United States and European manufacturers.

Silent Hill-Climbing.

At least eight German firms are exhibiting at the Paris show—more, alas! than the exhibits of British manufacturers. What is more, she has already the body lines of her cars to suit the tastes of other countries, and her prices are now on an economic basis.

The Wanderer, for example, is a 20 h.p. car which in appearance is very similar to the best United States type, and priced in Germany at £2350.

A representative of the firm told me that the car had been expressly built to meet the United States challenge in Germany. This car has a six-speed gear-box, or perhaps it would be more accurate to say a reduction gear which enables the three orthodox speeds to be converted into six. There are two top gears, two second and two bottom gears, and two reverse gears.

The alternative gearing is slightly lower than the normal gear, and it is claimed that this enables any gradient to be taken in silence, because it is never necessary to speed up the engine revolutions.

An interesting exhibit is the new Duesenberg, the fastest United States built touring car with a guaranteed maximum speed of 110 miles an hour, and a second speed gear of ninety miles an hour. The car bristles with gadgets.

All sorts of warning lights are arranged on the dashboard, a red light appears to warn you that the oil in the sump is becoming low and requires replenishing, another to remind you that it is necessary to top up the batteries, and another if there is any fault in the lubrication system.

As usual, there was a large crowd of French engineers round the Rolls-Royce stand; this is accepted here as representing the higher branches of motor engineering, and I heard one Frenchman remark after examining the new Phantom, "C'est magnifique"—pleasant words for British ears.

UNIT CONSTRUCTION.

With the Continental firms producing more machines every year, it behoves the British manufacturer, says *Motor Cycling*, closely to watch the trend of design of his European rivals. At this Paris Show several well-defined characteristics of modern French machines were apparent, the most noticeable being an immense vogue for manufacturing gear-boxes and engines in unit construction.

Closely allied to a school of thought which eliminates not only the primary chain but also in certain cases those driving the magneto and dynamo, is that which utilizes a shaft for the final drive.

These two features are in themselves good, and it is strange that neither is incorporated on an appreciable number of machines on the British market. Both ideas have been tried but have seldom been developed to any extent. One might think it was because our large concerns consider that these refinements are not worth the extra expense involved. On the other hand, it might be reasoned that no firm is anxious to take the lead until somebody else has proved how these modifications will be received. In France, at any rate, the trade appears to consider them the first essentials of a modern machine, no matter what its class or size of engine.

HUMOUR: ANCIENT AND MODERN.

Teacher: "Joh my, if I buy a pair of shoes for \$4.87 and sell them for \$9.50, do I make any money?"

Johnny: "Well, you make on the dollars but you lose on the cents."

Friend: "Say, Bill, why do you always slap your horse on one side?"

Teamster: "I figure if I get one side going, the other is pretty sure to follow."

Fare: "How much to make the journey to Versailles?"

Driver: "Forty francs."

Fare: "That's far too much. Get in the cab and I will drive you there myself for twenty."

Actor: "I would like an advance on my salary."

Manager: "What for?"

Actor: "To buy a collar."

Manager: "You don't need one—we are giving 'Hamlet' to-day."

Wife: "Aren't you satisfied, now that the shop people are willing to let you pay for the furniture by instalments?"

Husband: "I would be if they'd let me pay the instalments by instalments."

The stately old gentleman was approached somewhat cockily by a rich and vulgar young man, who announced:—

"I say, I am thinking of marrying one of your girls. Have I your permission?"

"Yes, indeed," was the reply.

"Which one interests you? The parlourmaid or the cook?"

An actor, who, because of his wandering profession, had seldom paid income-tax, was at last discovered by the authorities, who promptly sent him a return to complete.

The actor kept it for a few days and sent it back with a little note: "Thank you very much, but I don't wish to join this affair."

Gushing Ingenue: "I'm thrilled to hear you're a dramatist. When was the last performance of your play?"

The Dramatist: "On the first night."

The reporter came idly to the office. "Well, said the editor, 'what did our eminent statesman have to say?'"

"Nothing."

"Well, keep it down to a column."

Mistress: "Why didn't you put the watermelon in the icebox as I told you?"

Maid: "I did, ma'am."

Mistress: "But it isn't cold."

Maid: "Well, how could it be? I had to take out the ice to get it in."

The candidate was encountering unlooked-for opposition. In a wordy and equally stormy warfare he had come off second best against a resourceful, determined band of witty hecklers.

"Who brayed then?" he demanded in a loud voice, and paused triumphantly in the silence which greeted this.

As he was about to resume his speech, a "voice" cried:—"Perhaps it was an echo, guv'nor!"

A ferocious-looking woman strode into the outfitter's shop and made for the neckwear counter.

The assistant found himself beginning to shake as she approached him.

"I want a collar," she thundered. "It's for my husband."

The assistant gave a nervous nod.

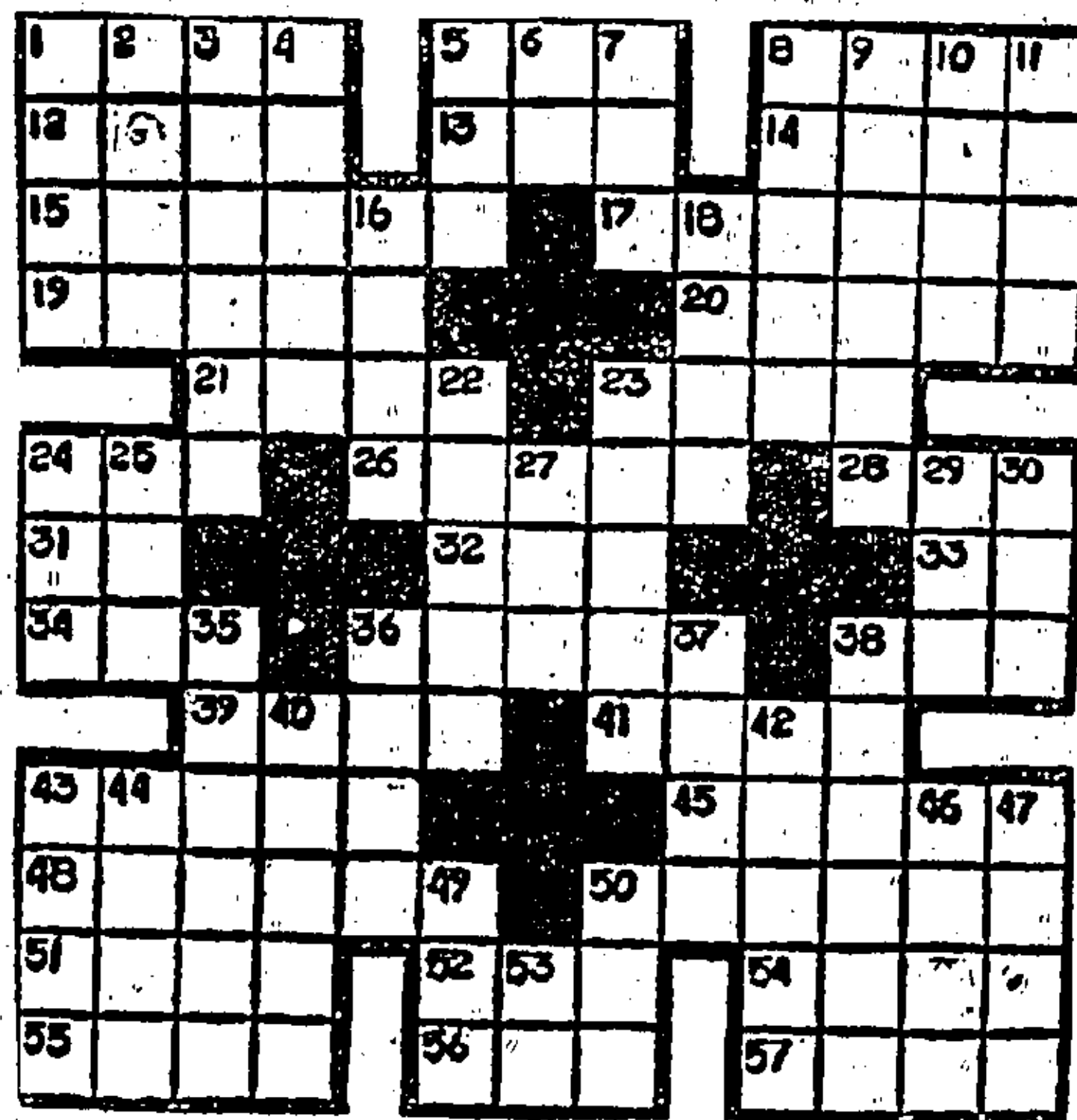
"Yes, madam. What size does he take?"

"Size?" she repeated. "I don't know. But just wait a minute and we can find out."

She proceeded to tear off her gloves, then she held out two large hands:

"Measure these," she said. "You see, I can just manage to get them round his throat."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

- 1.—Garret.
- 5.—To possess.
- 8.—Fluted collar.
- 12.—To state.
- 13.—Prefix: New.
- 14.—Monster.
- 15.—Travelling bag.
- 17.—Ware.
- 19.—Mohammedan name for god.
- 20.—Foreigner.
- 21.—To revise.
- 23.—Gaelic.
- 24.—Brick carrier.
- 28.—Printing machine.
- 29.—To go rapidly on foot.
- 31.—Conjunction.
- 32.—To consume.
- 33.—Therefore.
- 34.—To recede.
- 36.—Apartment for wives.
- 38.—Moisture.
- 39.—Mine entrance.
- 41.—Scaree.
- 43.—Goddess of love.
- 45.—Cavity in bone.
- 48.—First born.
- 50.—To guarantee.
- 51.—To aid.
- 52.—Devil.
- 54.—Margin.
- 55.—Youths.
- 58.—To fondle.
- 57.—To require.

Vertical.

- 1.—Molten rock.
- 2.—Elliptical.
- 3.—Knocked down.
- 4.—In chemistry: having combining power of three.
- 5.—A number.
- 6.—Pronoun.
- 7.—Conjunction.
- 8.—Discuits.
- 9.—More unprepossessing.
- 10.—Untrammelled.
- 11.—Flowers; plant.

- 16.—Vessel.
- 18.—Paddies.
- 22.—To entertain.
- 23.—Compound ether.
- 24.—Garden implement.
- 25.—Globe.
- 27.—Organ of head.
- 28.—Custom.
- 29.—At present.
- 35.—United.
- 36.—Serpent's note.
- 37.—Church service.
- 38.—To strip.
- 40.—Pieces for two.
- 42.—Has gotten up.
- 43.—Kind of meat.
- 44.—Island of Napoleon's exile.
- 46.—To goad.
- 47.—To sow.
- 49.—Secret information.
- 50.—Likely.
- 53.—Pronoun.

This puzzle took 34 minutes to solve. See how long it will take you to solve it.

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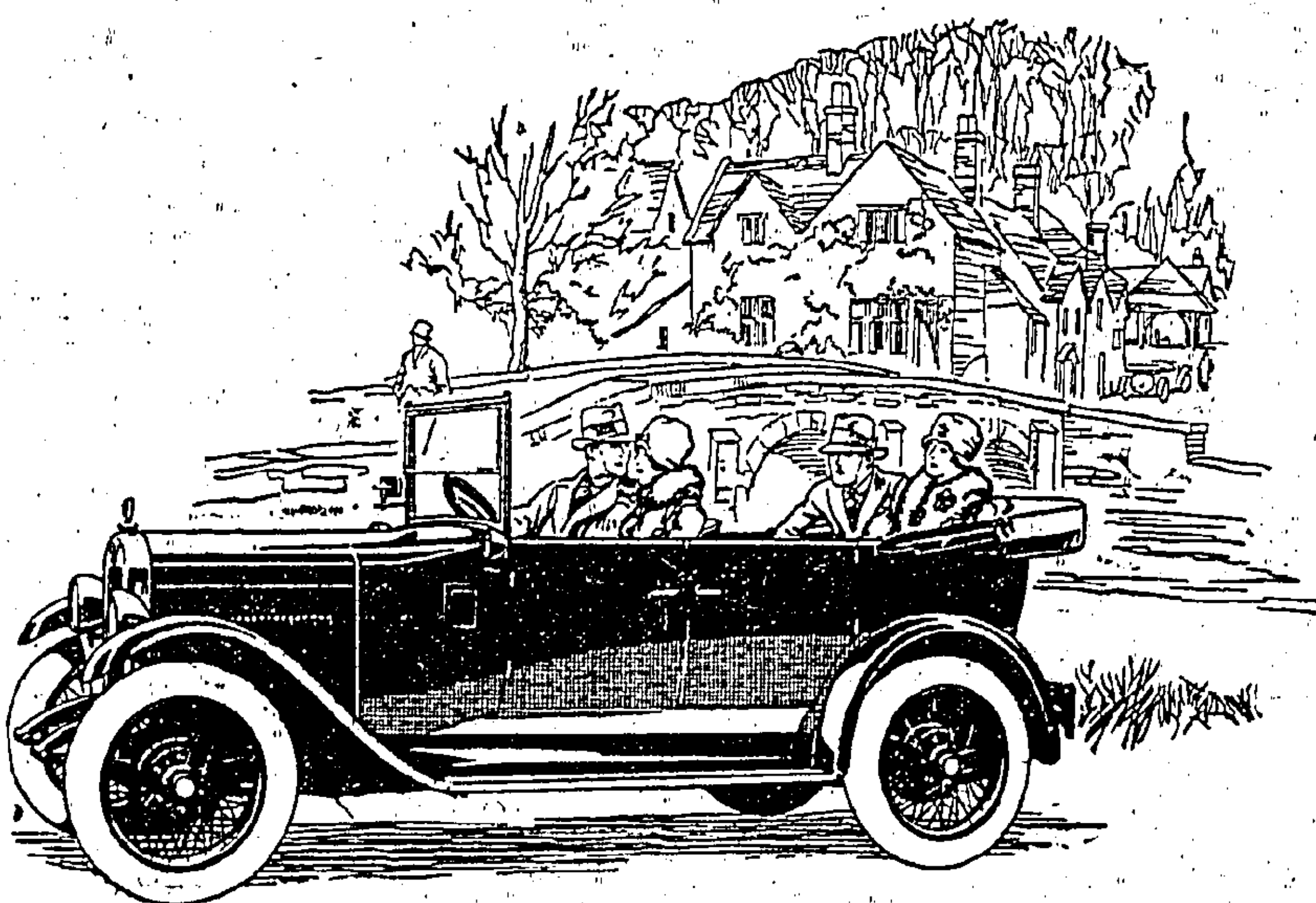
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MUTINOUS BRITISH SOLDIERS.

JAMAICA, CAMP SCENES.

A story of mutiny scenes at New-castle Camp, Jamaica, West Indies, on the night of June 14 was told to a Press representative by Mr. Charles Davies, of Drio Road, Stirling, who at the time of the mutiny was a corporal in the band of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

After the mutiny (which was referred to briefly in the House of Commons last month) Privates Clark, McIntyre, and Cunningham, of the 2nd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, were sentenced to five years' penal servitude by a general court-martial which sat for 18 days.

Mr. Davies states that, in addition to the three men sentenced, two privates were also tried by a district court-martial in Jamaica. The findings of this Court have not yet been reported. Mr. Davies continued:—

"Trouble had been brewing in the battalion long before we were ordered to Newcastle, from Kingston for a change of air. Complaints were being made by many men that they were overworked."

"Matters came to a head on June 14. After answering the roll of the sergeant-major at night, the five men who were court-martialled went into a hunkow where Lance-Corporal Harrop was sleeping and played cards. They got noisy and awakened Harrop, who told them to clear out.

Corporal's Fight.

"One of the five pulled down the hurricane lamp and dropped it on the floor, plunging the hunkow into darkness. Then someone pulled out the globe from the lamp and threw it at Harrop. The others went over to his bed and thumped him. He fought back but was over-powered and chased out of the hunkow."

"The noise of the fighting awakened the whole camp, and Sergeant-Major Freeman came on the scene. Harrop reported the affair to him, naming two privates as the men who threw the globe. Sergeant-Major Freeman ordered these two privates to march to the guardroom, but Clark, Cunningham, and McIntyre, supported by the shouts of the crowd, stopped them."

"An escort was detailed to take the two privates, both of whom appeared willing to go, but as soon as they started, the other three pulled the escort away."

"The confusion was at its height when Lieut. Davidson, the orderly officer arrived. He ordered the five men to go to the guardroom. They refused and Cunningham swore. Then Clark began to sing the 'Red Flag,' Cunningham said, 'I am a son of the soil and afraid of nobody.' He added that if Lieut. Davidson would draw his claymore he would draw a bayonet."

"Lieut. Davidson ordered the men to go to their beds. Then, to everyone's surprise, the two privates gave themselves up at the guardroom, and not long afterwards, Clark, Cunningham, and McIntyre did the same."

"DESERTION" ON HIS DOCTOR'S ADVICE.

THE CONSUMPTIVE WIFE.

The question whether the husband of a consumptive woman from whom he lives apart on the advice of his medical man is liable to be summoned for alleged desertion was raised at the Marylebone Police court when Stanley Edward Woodall, Edbrooke Road, Elgin Avenue, London, was summoned by his wife.

Mrs. Woodall said that she had been married only six months. She went into hospital in July. When she left there in September and went to the house her husband's sister and mother refused her admission.

In reply to Mr. Samuel Coleman, solicitor for Woodall, she agreed that she had the infectious complaint when she married her husband.

Mr. Coleman: You did not tell him you had it?—Yes.

Mr. Coleman said that Woodall was acting on medical advice in living apart from his wife, and he submitted that his conduct did not amount to desertion.

The Magistrate (Mr. Ronald Powell): I cannot help it. She is his wife.

An order to pay 18s. a week was made.

An eminent doctor, commenting on the case, said: "The medical profession might advise a couple not to cohabit together, but they would never suggest that a man should desert his wife because she is consumptive. After all, when a man marries he must put up with his wife's ailments, whatever they may be."

"The medical profession does not advise 'desertion' because one of the parties in the marriage has an infectious complaint. By consent a couple might agree to live apart, and a doctor might advise them to do so, but he would not suggest that one should desert the other."

"DIFFICULT TO BE A CHRISTIAN."

BISHOP ON ATTENDING CHURCH.

The Bishop of Middleton (Dr. R. G. Parsons) and the Rev. Cyril Hudson, St. Alban's, opened a discussion on "The way of renewal" at the second day of the Carlisle Diocesan Conference at Keswick last month. The Bishop of Carlisle (Dr. Williams) presided.

The Bishop of Middleton said that it was clear that the Church of England needed in its own spiritual life a great strengthening if it was to grapple with the great problems facing them to-day. These were difficult times. It was a difficult thing to be a Christian at all to-day.

The great advances in the physical sciences had made people more interested in the material world than the spiritual, and they were not to be blamed, nor was there harm in it provided the balance was restored. There were also great changes taking place in the spiritual world. But Secularism was the rival to Christianity all the world over. Secularism was not wholly a bad thing, but to some extent rather a splendid and noble thing.

The quest for truth and goodness and beauty was not dead, but very much alive. Secularism was interested in education, in world peace, and all that made for beauty, as the recent conferences at Manchester and the Lake District for the preservation of the countryside proved. But man occupied the centre of this world, and in that fact they found the great conflict between the prevailing world outlook and the outlook of the Gospel.

As far as they faced up to the new ideas would they renew the life and vigour of the Church.

The Rev. Cyril Hudson said that the Way of Renewal Movement was simply a witness to the reawakening to a conviction of the need of growth in every department of Christian life. While the Church had done wonderful work in the religious education of children, it had given far too little attention to the religious education of adolescents and adults. The problem of religious education was one, not three separate parts.

Search for Esoteric Cults.

The Bishop of Carlisle said that one way of renewing the spiritual life of the Church, although study was essential, was in attending church. There was no subject on which there was more ignorance and superstition and inability to form a definite opinion than as to what was the Christian doctrine of life after death, and no subject on which the laity needed more instruction. The consequence was that they found people everywhere going after every kind of esoteric cult and superstition.

The Christian teaching on this subject was very slight, and that made it the harder. And yet it was true perhaps that no service was better attended than a funeral. But was it attended intelligently, or had it become a social function? They would doubt that less if they thought of the marriage service.

There was no subject on which people more needed instruction than on marriage, and especially on the question of sex. He always deliberated whether he ought not, instead of speaking to the bride and bridegroom, to preach a very much needed sermon to the congregation at the wedding. (Applause.)

He knew what the countryside looked like on Sunday morning and where the people were, and although it would be a breach of the law, he thought that it would be better for the parson in many a country parish to give up the whole morning service and say a prayer with the laity at the road corners waiting for accidents, and the people clustering round the bridge.

There was only one way to deal with that, and that was by the laity going back to church. Nothing would so help a renewal of spiritual life as that. Perhaps the first way to gain real unity was by being loyal to one's own church in order that they might respect other people's loyalty to theirs.

POSTAL TELEGRAPHS IN AMERICA.

COMPANY'S LARGE EXTENSIONS.

New York, Dec. 10.—Mr. A. H. Griswold, vice-president of the Postal Telegraph Company, announced to-day at a meeting of division managers, that a \$810,000,000 expansion programme would be undertaken in 1930.

This represents an increase of approximately \$2,000,000 over the 1929 programme, and is in keeping with the President's desires that all possible constructive work be embarked upon in order to bolster up the prosperity of the country following the recent stock market crash.

BOWED HEADS IN A GARDEN SUBURB.

IDEAL LIBRARY FAILS IN HAMPSTEAD.

THE MISSING 100.

Artists, authors, stockbrokers, big business men, and retired dress reformers are walking about Hampstead Garden Suburb with bowed heads.

It is all because of a few hundred slips of pink paper, which have been distributed among the residents, bearing the words:—

"The Library Council regret to have to report that, though some 2,500 books have been borrowed during the past year, the subscriptions do not amount to £10, and the register of books shows that nearly 100 have not been returned."

Mr. T. D. Dilworth, the librarian, told a reporter that some of the books have been missing for a year.

"We started the library under ideal conditions," he said. "During the past five years all who desired to read or to borrow books were freely welcome. The work involved was done by voluntary helpers, and all that the borrowers were asked to do was to give donations according to their means and to return the books."

"The donations have been disappointing, the loss of the books even more so."

"Most of them were borrowed at times when voluntary workers were absent, and there is no trace of them."

"Were people allowed to help themselves to books?"

"Certainly," replied Mr. Dilworth. "We thought we lived in Utopia, but we were wrong."

"So now," he continued, "we are obliged to adopt new methods. In future we shall charge a sub-

scription of 7s. 6d. a year, and engage a trained librarian."

It is, of course, impossible to say who the "not quite honest" people are.

It is certainly not the dress reformers, known in the lesser northern suburbs as "The Funny People."

There are not enough of them to lose a hundred books.

The literary people are not suspected, because literary people who live in garden suburbs hardly ever read anything but their own books.

The artists are not suspected, because most of them have been driven away by the high cost of living.

Suspicion, at the moment, hovers between the stockbrokers, the big business men, and the nursemaids.

A voluntary worker is now engaged on the thankless task of calling at each house and asking politely for the lost books. Her "bag" for one day last week was three, though a few have been returned surreptitiously by conscience-stricken borrowers.

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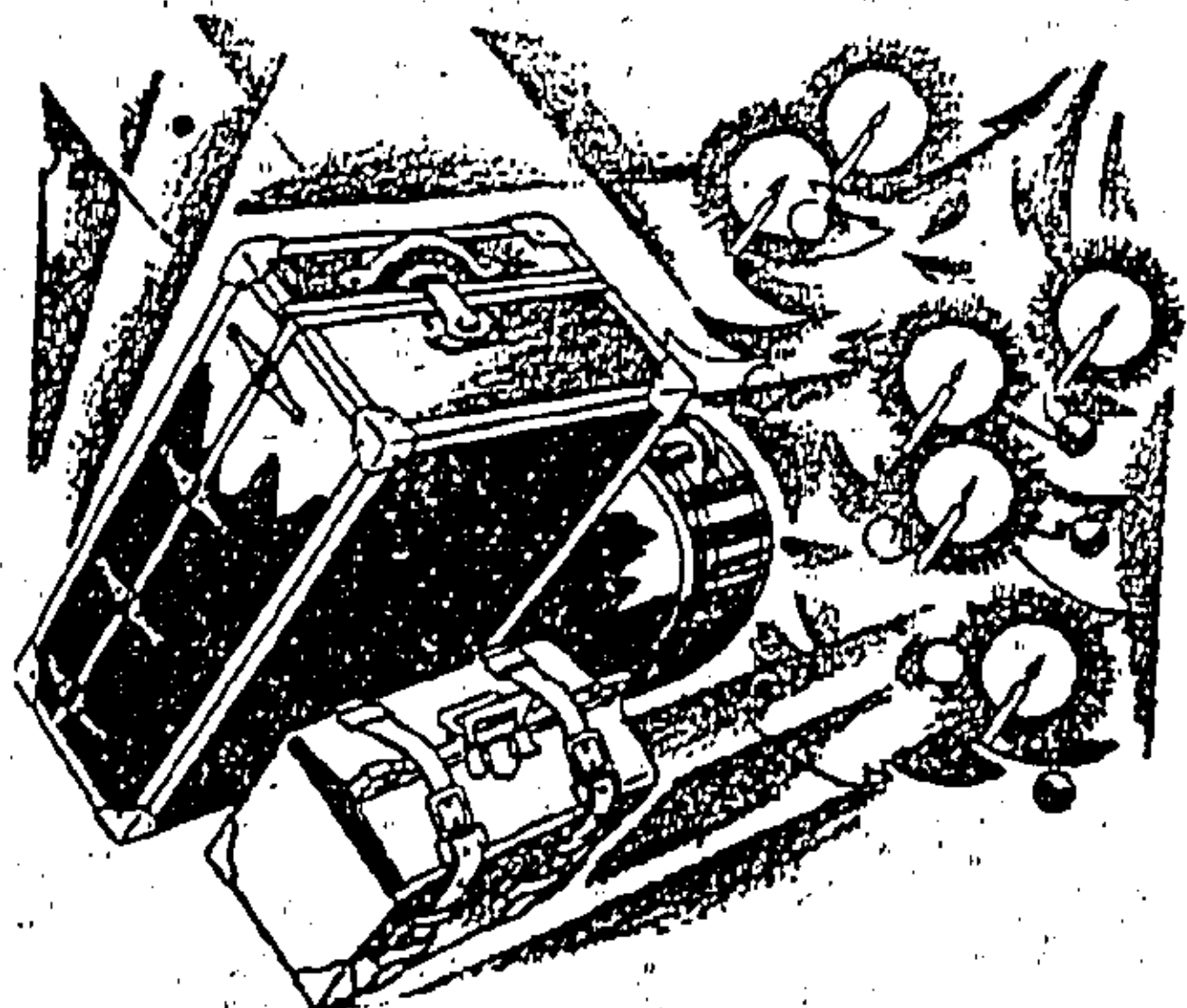
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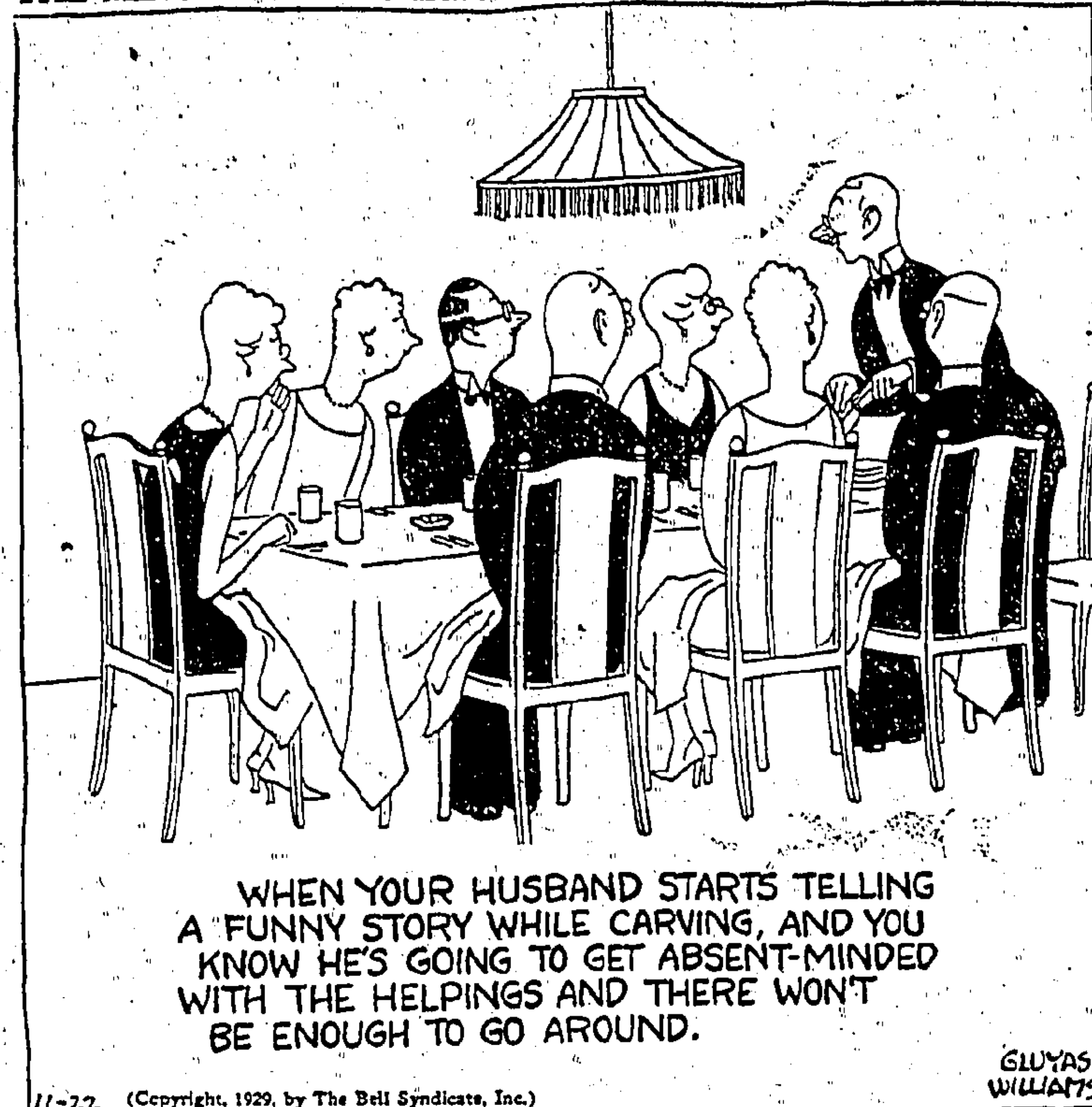
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THE WOMAN'S CORNER

A CHRISTMAS SALE.



The Maison de Modes M-Me d'Obrey is holding a Christmas sale this week. The goods are all extremely smart and attractive having the unmistakable cachet of Paris. Very unusual bargains are being offered, and a visit to this shop will give you plenty of excellent suggestions for Christmas presents for your women friends.

MODERN DAUGHTERS—AND THEIR MOODS.

Mothers are usually sadly tried by the girl who is aptly described as "moody."

Content to move along life's highway in a comfortable, placid way themselves, they cannot understand the terrible fits of depression or sky-high spirits that characterize their offspring.

Though, of course, when she is the exact opposite and her happiness is infectious it almost makes up for it—but not quite.

Moodiness should not always be mistaken for a fault, as nearly always it is the result of a romantic mind coupled with a passionate love of beauty hence the fits of gloom.

By learning to understand her daughter, the mother will soon begin to sympathise with her outlook, when she realises that what she deemed rank foolishness is the result of an imaginative brain, that "feels" the setbacks and unattained ambitions much more deeply than the more placid mind. It is a fact worth knowing that the moody person generally possesses some latent talent.

Cleverness is rarely associated with the calm, unruffled nature, and, if the mother remembers this, she will look for any such possibility and encourage it for all she is worth.

This type of girl is always very lovable and warm-hearted. She will always be interesting to live with, and it is certain that no (Continued at foot of next column).

SALADS THAT ARE "DIFFERENT."

Fresh pears may be piquant in salads, but, like apples and peaches, they discolour rapidly. When they must stand a short while before serving, place them for a moment or two in water to which lemon juice has been added. The lemon will prevent discoloration.

Be sure that the pears are thoroughly ripe before peeling, removing the core and slicing into dainty pieces with a fruit knife. Flavour fresh orange juice with a teaspoonful of sherry, pour over the sliced pears and allow to stand for a few minutes.

Pineapple Vitamins.

For each guest pile a heaped tablespoonful of the pears on a crisp lettuce leaf and cover with mayonnaise dressing. This goes deliciously with white meats.

Pear Waldorf salad is something new in appetisers. Fill the halves of pears with chopped nut meats, maraschino cherries, sliced bananas and the halves of stoned dates. Heap on beds of lettuce leaves and smother with whipped cream slightly flavoured with mayonnaise.

Either fresh or preserved pears may be successfully used in pear and cream cheese salad. Pare and cut in half the fruit, slightly hollowing the centres. Roll fresh, creamy cream cheese, seasoned to taste, into tiny balls and place the balls lengthwise in the half pears. Top each with half a maraschino cherry, and chill. Serve with French dressing.

Pineapple, so rich in vitamins, offers an attractive foundation for pear salads. If fresh pineapple is used, it should be peeled, sprinkled with sugar and allowed to stand in a cold place for at least an hour before putting in the salad.

When you are short of a pudding basin for making a boiled pudding, try making it in an ordinary two-pound jam jar. Grease the jar well, and leave plenty of room in it for the pudding to rise. Then tie a piece of greased paper over the top.

The pudding will turn out a neat round shape, and is much easier to cut up into portions when boiled in this way.

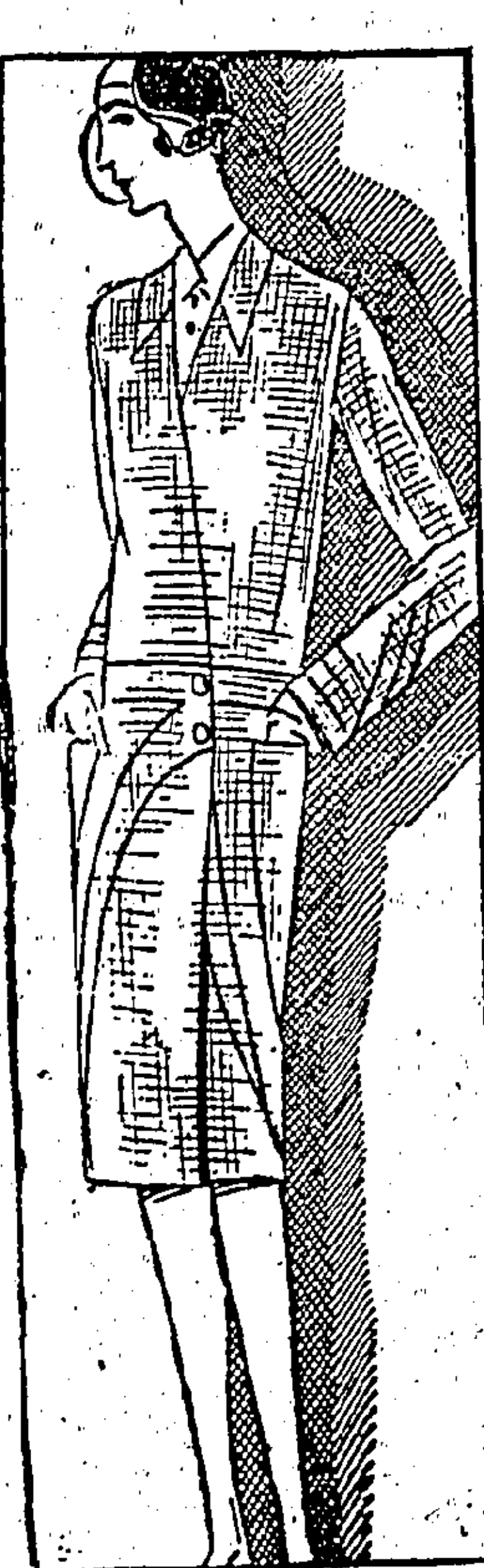
Never mend woollen stockings with new wool. The new darn will shrink the next time the stocking is washed, and pull away from the thin place.

Every particle of tough core should be removed, whether the pineapple be in cubes or served in slices.

French Dressing.

A slice of pineapple on lettuce, half a pear placed on it, with the rounding side up, and a garniture of cream cheese moistened with French dressing is simply prepared and perfectly delectable if served with French dressing.

A fruit salad for which either fresh or preserved pears and pineapples may be used is made by cutting two slices of pineapple, one ripe banana, one pear and a stalk of celery in dice. Mix two tablespoonfuls of whipped cream and one tablespoonful each of lemon juice and orange juice. Combine with the fruits.



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Wah Yan College.—Wong Shiu Ming (Dist. mathematics).

St. Joseph's College.—G. A. Gordon (Dist. mathematics and higher mathematics), Raymond Liu Chik Kwang (Dist. mechanics), J. F. dos Remedios.

King's College.—Lai Tak Cheuk, Wai Po Chang (Dist. mathematics and mechanics).

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COASTAL VESSEL SINKS.

STRIKES A ROCK DURING
THE NIGHT.

ALL ON BOARD SAVED.

The s.s. Ka Hing, flying the Portuguese flag, struck a submerged rock while on her way to Hong Kong from Kwong Chow Wan, during the early hours of December 13. The vessel left Kwong Chow Wan at 4 a.m. on December 12 and later that morning ran into a dense fog. She proceeded at a very slow speed, but ran aground that night off a small island in Deep Bay. The ship began to fill rapidly and the crew began to abandon the vessel and took refuge on the island. The next day they sighted two fishing junks and hailed them. They were eventually taken on board and brought to Kong-moon where they sailed for Hong Kong on the s.s. Charles Hardouin.

The s.s. Ka Hing carried a cargo worth about \$80,000, including some 300 pigs and 90 head of cattle. Captain Cordova was in command with a Chinese crew. The vessel has been on the run between Hong Kong and Kwong Chow Wan.

LOAN TO BE REPAYED IN SALT.

ODD SUMMARY COURT CASE.

At the Summary Court yesterday, a Chinese couple were sued by an Indian money-lender for \$108, principal and interest due on a promissory note. The plaintiff, Bhag Singh, has left the Colony, but Amrik Singh represented him. The defendant said that he received \$80 on signing a blank paper on which was affixed a stamp, and it was agreed that he should give Bhag Singh 43 piculs of salt in full settlement.

His Lordship pointed out that Bhag Singh was not present and the Court could not hear his version. His Lordship found that defendant was not liable on the note and if plaintiff wished to proceed again when he returned he could not sue for more than \$80. Judgment was given for defendant.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

THREE TRIALS ON THE LIST
TO-DAY.

This month's Criminal Sessions will open at the Supreme Court before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) to-day. There are three cases on the calendar, all the accused being charged with robbery.

Ho Kai Shing has to answer a charge of robbing from Cheung Mo Sheung on May 30 a quantity of jewellery and \$200 in money.

An allegation that with others unknown he committed a robbery at Jardine's Bazaar on November 8 is made against Ip To. The articles stolen comprise jewellery and \$40 in money, the property of two persons. A second man, Lo Juk, is charged with aiding and abetting the carrying out of the robbery.

In the third case Li King also stands charged with aiding and abetting, while Tong Ming, Tong Leung, Mak Kwan and Tong Sam are alleged to have robbed Chan Sze of two bangles at Canton Road on October 6.

THE WATER SUPPLY. HONG KONG.

The total storage in the Island reservoirs on the morning of Monday, December 16, amounted to 1,419.44 million gallons showing a decrease of 44.93 million gallons during the past week; the amount collected from streams being 2.84 million gallons.

The week's consumption amounted to 47.77 million gallons.

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on the morning of Monday, December 16, amounted to 483.29 million gallons, showing a decrease of 6.81 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 27.24 million gallons, not including 1.87 million gallons supplied to water boats at Laichikok.

The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week is 22.50 million gallons.

SMALL-POX AGAIN.

33 DEATHS LAST WEEK.

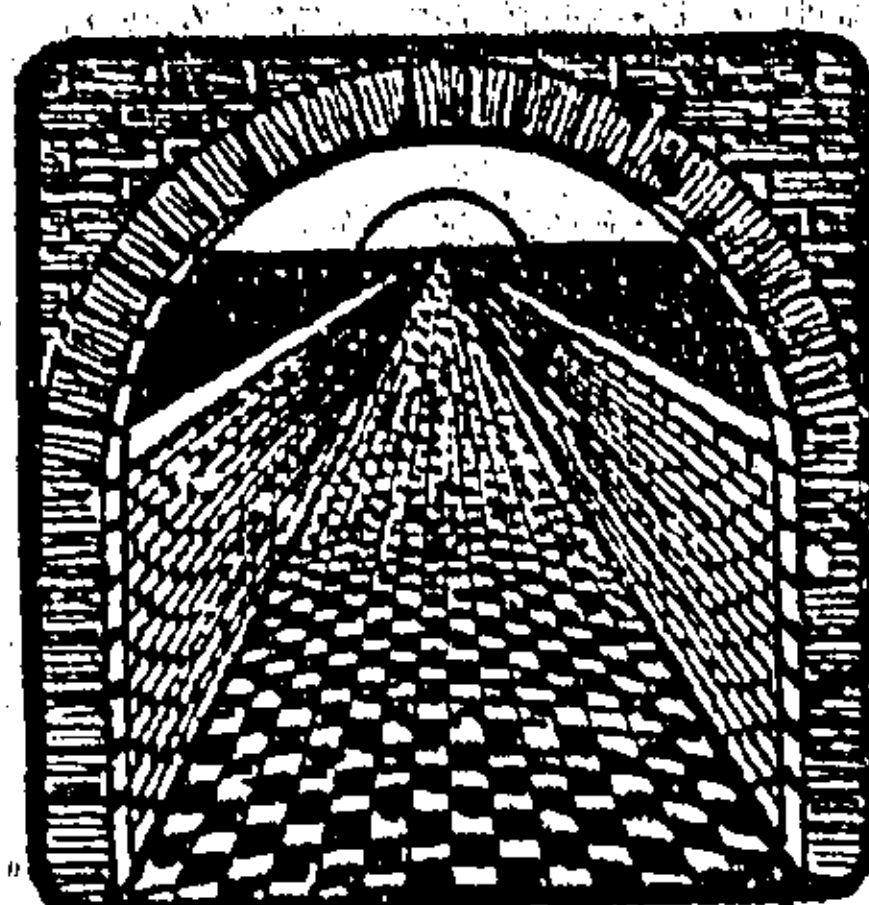
The Medical Officer of Health's return of serious and notifiable diseases for last week shows 26 new cases of small-pox and 33 deaths, all Chinese and from Hong Kong. There were also 3 cases of diphtheria (2 fatal) and 1 of typhoid. Deaths from tuberculosis numbered 53 (1 European), from malaria 13 (1 European), influenza 1 (Chinese).

On Monday 5 more cases of small-pox and 2 cases of diphtheria were notified.

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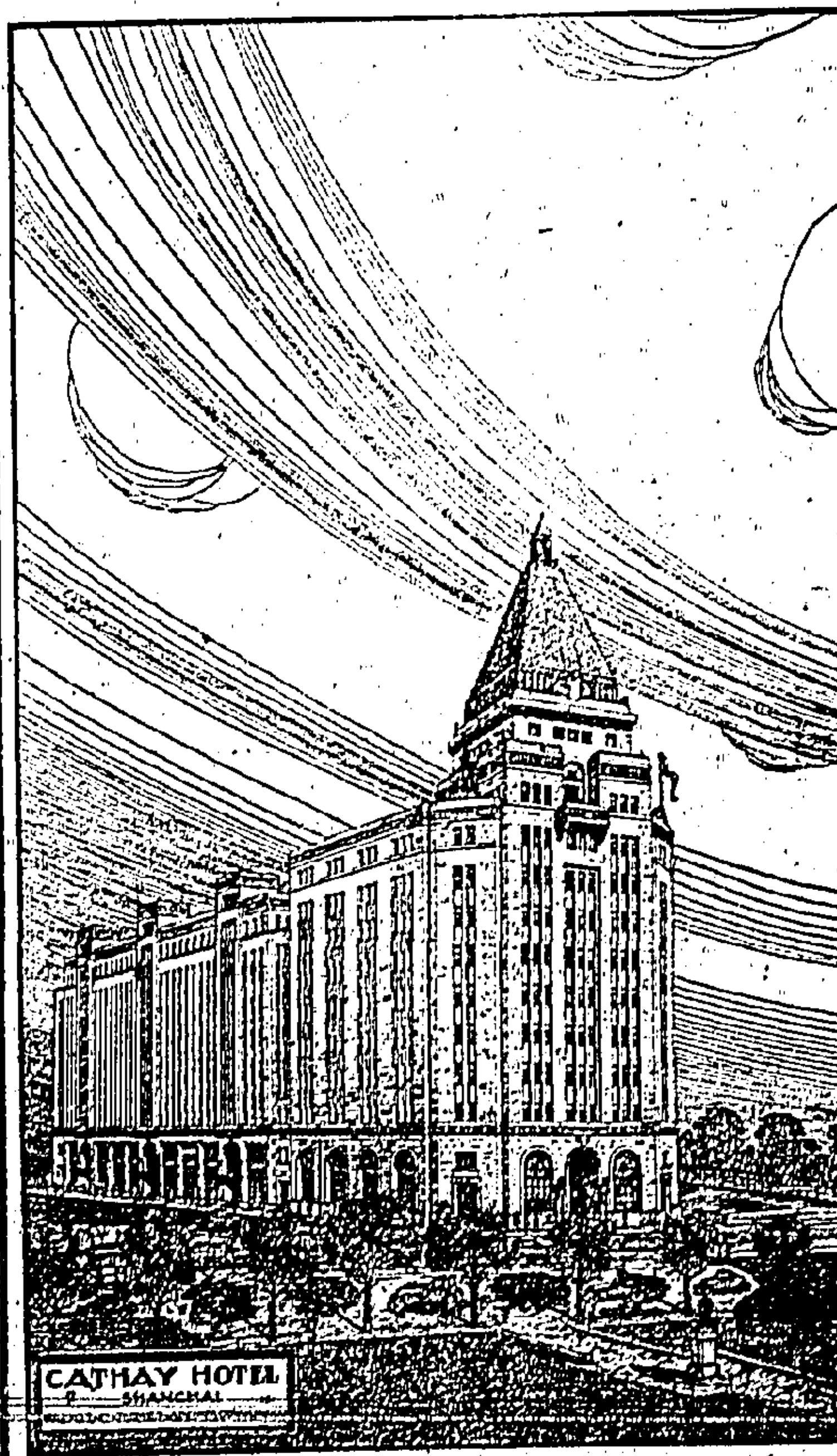
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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, December 17.
Wing On, Kwangli, Houlik, Szewai and other strategic points above Samshui have now been recaptured by the Cantonese troops. Over 2,000 Kwangsi men have been taken prisoners during the last two days. These men, in addition to large quantities of arms and supplies, are being brought back to Canton by the Canton-Samshui Railway. The number of Cantonese casualties is also reported to be large. During the fighting two planes were brought down by the Kwangsi troops.

The Cantonese troops entered Shuihing yesterday without resistance. The Kwangsi troops are now withdrawing to Dosing and Takiang, further up the river, but it is anticipated that they will move out before the arrival of Admiral Chen Chak's flotilla.

General Chen Tsai Tong, who is personally directing the expedition, predicts that Wuchow will be captured in the course of the next few days and that the anti-Kwangsi war will be over inside of two weeks. A large number of junks, steam launches and other crafts are being commandeered in Canton for the transportation of troops up the West River. River services between Canton and the outlying districts are almost suspended again.

Two divisions of troops, the 60th under Major-General Tsoi Ting Kai, and the 61st under Major General Chiang Kwang Nai, are taking the field. Some of these troops are already in Shuihing and Kwangsi, and the rest are leaving Canton.

HEAVY NANKING LOSSES.

General Ho Ying-Chien has left Canton for Hong Kong on his way back to Nanking to participate in the war against General Tang Seng Chi. He was expected to leave the British Colony this morning for Shanghai by the s.s. President Lincoln. Numerous Nanking troops have also left Canton for the North. These Northern troops, particularly the 50th Division under Tan Tao Yuen, were very badly cut up by the "Ironsides." The number of Nanking troops killed was reported to have far exceeded that of the "Ironsides." A Red Cross worker, who has just returned from the Northern sector, told the writer that some 4,000 dead wearing similar uniform to those worn by the Nanking regulars were picked up and buried.

PITY THE MOTOR-OWNER!

Bus services in Canton have not resumed yet, as a large number of lorries are still out of order on the northern and eastern fronts. Many of these commandeered vehicles were either purposely knocked out of commission or telescoped by the retreating Nanking troops under Tan Tao Yuen when the "Ironsides" were within five miles of the northern suburb of the city. The automobile belonging to the Canton Water Works Company was thrown down a hill, some 30 feet below the highway. However, these automobiles and buses are being pulled up from the wayside and dragged back to Canton.

Some dozen or two large buses, most of them belonging to the Municipal Government, have already been brought back to Canton and are now parked in front of the Central Police Station. These, which were almost brand new a week ago, are now dusty and worn out. All the bus companies and automobile dealers in Canton lost heavily. One bus company said to the writer that every one of its cars was smashed up. But it is not known if the Government will reimburse the losers!

"THE GEISHA."

MATINEE TO BE BROADCAST.

This afternoon's performance of "The Geisha" is to be broadcast from the Theatre Royal on the wave lengths 355 metres and 49 metres, simultaneously. This is being done largely for the benefit of the Hospitals. Everyone in the Colony likes to see the Philharmonic productions, and this year those who are sick will be able to hear "The Geisha" and it is well worth listening to.

CORRESPONDENCE.
CATHEDRAL SERVICES:
A REJOINDER.[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG
DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—As a regular attendant at the Cathedral for the past three years I have noticed none of the "disorganisation" which has offended "Paul Vlainc" so deeply. The changes are such as were to be expected when two youngish men took over what one elderly man had been doing, and doing extremely well, for a number of years. These changes are all in accord with what is being done at home, and the friendly, homelike atmosphere of the Cathedral remains what it was in Mr. Copley Moyle's time.

The Dean is not infallible, and it was certainly a mistake when criticising Hymns A. and M. to particularise, because any hymn is liable to have special and sacred associations. But there are extraordinarily feeble hymns in "A. and M." and in point of fact many are never sung. The Supplementary Hymn book, again, does include some rather second rate stuff, but it gives us Blake's "Jerusalem" to Parry's setting, Kipling's "Recessional," and very fine hymns by Chesterton and Bunyan, to mention a few.

Having been brought up in a Vicarage the tone of Paul Vlainc's letter strikes a note very familiar to the writer. It is of the kind that we used to paste into a "specimen book." All clergymen should keep such a specimen book. It takes the venom out of abusive letters and makes them a source of collector's pride, besides affording amusement to visitors.

We all know that "regular attendant," who comes as long as he gets his own way and is petted and given into like a spoiled child. But there is the inevitable day when something upsets him and he seizes the opportunity to go off in a huff and join the ranks of those whom "the parson" has driven from the church, and who form the nucleus of the opposition.

Paul Vlainc's abuse of the sermons stands self-condemned, because, on his showing, he hasn't heard them. As one whose credentials as a critic of sermons are probably better, and certainly more up-to-date than Paul Vlainc's, the writer says without hesitation that the standard of preaching in St. John's Cathedral is extremely high, and excellently adapted to the congregations largely of men, and especially Service men, who fill the Cathedral every Sunday evening.

It might be as well en passant to attempt a reply to the query of your correspondent "X." What is Christianity? Christianity is the teaching given by Christ in His words and actions, as recorded in the four gospels. Thinkers of all types are coming to agree that the application of Christ's teaching on social, economic and spiritual matters is the solution, and the only solution, of the world's troubles. Such stout agnostics as H. G. Wells and G. B. Shaw (even though they cannot admit that Christ is in a category entirely above themselves), agree as to the practical value of His teaching, and Shaw's latest book is merely an elaborate sermon on the text "To each man he gave a penny."

The Church, in the writer's opinion, makes an error in placing St. Paul, the Old Testament and Church tradition on an equality with Christ's own teaching. But to get back to Christ's teaching—as against the Bible from which every form of fad and persecution, from Mormonism to witchhunting, can be justified—would require bigger reforms than the Dean of Hong Kong has attempted; and we know who would be found in the forefront of the opposition.—Yours, etc.,

Hong Kong, Dec. 17.

TAOIST'S LONG WALK.
ARRIVES DESTITUTE IN
HONG KONG.

Inquiries made by the authorities into the case of a destitute Taoist pilgrim who was arrested recently, revealed the fact that he had arrived in the Colony following a walk of 2,000 miles from Szechuen. The man stated that he had made the long journey from his home to Canton, in order to worship, at a certain shrine there, and further that he had made the journey successfully through the magic influence of a richly carved staff, surmounted with an image of a Bhuddha.

Besides his wand he had brought from Szechuen several packets of medicine which he intended to sell to get a passage to Shanghai, from which port he intended to make the return journey. It was while vending this medicine that he came into the hands of the Police. It is understood that the authorities have decided that the man was telling the truth and while committing him to the care of the Tung Wah Hospital, have made him a small grant of money for his journey to the Northern port.

CASE AGAINST MR. INSTONE BREWER.

VERBAL DUEL BETWEEN ACCOUNTANT AND
DEFENDING SOLICITOR."INVESTMENTS" AND "SECURITIES"
DEFINED.

The case against Mr. Noel Instone Brewer who is charged under the Perjury and Larceny Ordinance in connection with the affairs of the Instone Banking Corporation was continued at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham. Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, prosecuted and the defendant was represented by Mr. E. Davidson. Mr. S. H. Ross, chartered accountant, who had given evidence at earlier hearings was further cross-examined by Mr. Davidson.

THE COLLATERAL SECURITIES.

Mr. Davidson had, at former sittings taken witness over the assets shown in the balance sheet. Yesterday, he began by dealing with collateral securities. He asked if it was not correct that loans under this head were secured by shareholders in bonds of call. Mr. Ross agreed.

These were definite promises to pay various sums of money by the shareholders?—Yes.

Assuming they were valid deeds, they were in fact assets?—No.

Why not?—Because they were not realisable.

Assuming they were valid deeds, they were assets?—If they were worth nothing they could not be assets. I regret Mr. Ross, I have not assumed they were bad debts and you have no right to assume that. I have every right to assume it since I am investigating the case.

If they are valid debts, they are assets?—No.

They are described as collateral security loans?—Yes.

Will you take it from me that collateral security means just security, or do you suggest it means something else?—I understand it means additional security.

Every one of these deeds was secured by a lien on the shareholders' shares?—In my opinion that is not security.

I am not asking your opinion!—Well, you said it was a security.

What is a Secured Loan?

Mr. Davidson referring to the form of application asked witness to assume that it was a security. He then asked: "If that is a security are these secured loans?" You are asking me to accept your version of the law and then you go on to ask my opinion. I am afraid I cannot.

You cannot say if that is a secured loan—I can't say anything under the circumstances. If a lien on the shares is a security in law, are not these secured loans?—You... No, I cannot agree that a loan on the company's shares is a secured loan.

Mr. Grantham: Supposing it is the law that a lien on the Company's shares is a valid security, would it then become a secured loan?—Yes.

Mr. Davidson: Then on that assumption this statement (regarding the collateral securities) is a correct statement?—As far as the wording is concerned, that is correct; but in view of the fact that the assets were worth nothing, it was still a mistake in the balance sheet. When I say it is worth nothing, I mean it is worth nothing like the amount it is stated to be worth.

That is your opinion?—The facts have proved it to be so. How do you prove the facts?—It has not been possible to collect this money.

Since the Company went into liquidation?—Yes. Is it not a fact that the Official Receiver collected money against these?—No, as far as I know, no money has been collected against these loans.

To go back to the original question. This statement, on the same assumption, is verbally correct?—Yes.

On the other side of the balance sheet, these sums are included in the paid up capital?—Yes. They had to be included in the asset side in order to balance the balance sheet?—No.

Why not?—It is not necessary to include anything on the balance sheet to make it balance. From your point of view they have credited capital and debited loans and therefore they balance.

"Issued and Subscribed Capital."

Regarding issued and subscribed capital, however wrong it might have been to include it in the balance sheet, it is correctly described there? The issued and subscribed capital is \$2,013,290.1—No. The issued capital was \$1,700,000 odd.

I am asking you to assume that the application for shares were good applications. If that is so, then it is not false to say that the issued and subscribed capital was \$2,013,290.1—If the applications were good and the application money had been received, I should then take it that this statement was correct.

Won't you go a little further. Subscribed capital means capital which has been applied for?—You are again going into law. From my point of view as an auditor and layman, I think \$1,133,000 of the money is not issued and subscribed capital, whatever the law.

If the applications were received, the statement "Issued and Subscribed Capital," is not false?—I don't agree.

What do you understand by subscribed capital as opposed to issued capital?—Subscribed capital is capital which has been duly applied for, application money received and shares duly allotted.

Is not that a very good description of issued capital also?—Yes. The Instone Trading Company.

Let us take the item of \$480,831.80 under Stock, Shares and other Investments. You told us that this consisted of \$115,000, fully paid up shares of the Instone Trading Company?—Yes.

For these, fully paid up shares of the bank had been issued to the Instone Trading Company?—The books showed that these shares had been transferred by Mrs. Brewer.

If the shares had been shown on the balance sheet as Instone Trading Company's shares at par, you would have no quarrel with it?—I think I would. In fact, I am sure I should.

Could you suggest as an auditor—if it had been so stated—that that could be called a false statement?—If the directors knew that the shares were not worth par it would be a false statement.

Although actually it would be literally and perfectly true?—It would be a false statement if they were not worth par. The balance sheet must show the true state of affairs. As regards investments there is no excuse for putting them in at par if they are not worth it. They should be put in at their real value or else have a footnote in the balance sheet as to what the real value is.

Unless you make some alteration in the books you will have to treat it in the balance sheet as it is shown here?—No. You can leave the value in the books and leave it in the balance sheet also as long as you state the true value in a footnote, or something similar.

You mean from a moral point of view? You could not have shown these shares on the balance sheet in any other way?—Yes, certainly you could.

Well, how?—You should have done as I say. You must put a footnote. It would be correct enough as long as you explain it in a footnote?—Yes.

Goodwill Not an Investment. The balance of that item is \$68,000 odd which represents the value of a purchase of a right to issue certain bonds?—Yes.

You have stated that an item like goodwill was not an investment?—No. I put it to you that it is a matter of plain language that anything of this kind is an investment?—I say "goodwill" should not appear in the balance sheet.

But you will agree with me that an item of this kind can be described as an investment?—Yes, it is an investment. A thing like that can be described as an investment?—You mean in a balance sheet?—In or out of a balance sheet?—I am not concerned with how you describe it elsewhere.

I am not asking you what you are concerned with. It is what I and my client are concerned with. The point is, a thing like this can be described as an investment?—Yes, but not in a balance sheet.

Regarding Mortgage and Long Term Loans, is there not some mortgage on property of the Instone Banking Corporation?—Yes, I think there is, but at the time of the balance sheet, the mortgage had not been granted.

Are you prepared to swear that the mortgage was taken out after the balance sheet?—Mr. Fitzroy interrupting, said that the mortgage would in due course be produced.

After a few other questions, Mr. Davidson asked: "It has been admitted by Mr. Fitzroy that nobody has been defaulted by this balance sheet. You would know if there was anything in the books to show that Mr. Brewer ever made a cent out of the Company?—No. He was a salary."

ROUND THE COURTS.

\$500 FINE FOR HAVING
HEROIN PILLS.

The mistress of a junk who was charged with possession of 20 tins containing 200,000 heroin pills, pleaded guilty before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday and was fined \$500 with the alternative of three months' hard labour.

Mr. H. A. Taylor of the Imports and Exports Office told the Magistrate that any pill containing heroin constituted a dangerous drug. The pills seized not only contained heroin but also strychnine which in itself was very dangerous. The tins were worth about \$40 each.

It was stated that the seizure was one of the largest made for a long time. It was carried out by Detective Sergeant Fitches who boarded the junk in Yaumati Typhoon Shelter and found the heroin carefully concealed.

WINE SMUGGLING.

A cook and storekeeper employed on board the s.s. Kweichow were before Mr. Whyte Smith for smuggling 19 and 102 bottles of Tientsin wine respectively. Detective Sergeant Humphreys, who prosecuted, told the Magistrate that the bottles were very cleverly hidden in various parts of the ship. Unfortunately the police failed to find 640 bottles which had been hidden under the cargo and had probably been dumped in the harbour to avoid seizure. The wine, continued Sergeant Humphreys, was bought in Tientsin at 40 cents a bottle and sold for double the price in Hong Kong, where it had a good market.

The cook was fined \$50 or four weeks' hard labour and the storekeeper, who had 192 bottles, was fined \$250 or four months' hard labour.

A TREE CUTTING QUESTION.

When a Chinese villager was charged with possession of 31 catties of pine branches, which were suspected to be from the Government Plantation, the defendant produced a permit from the Forestry Department to his village for the inhabitants to cut the trees in return for a fee of \$20. The permit, however, had expired on June, 1928.

The Magistrate said that it was a difficult question. The permit was not issued individually but to the village, and whether the money had been paid or not, the defendant was not to know.

The case was adjourned for enquiry.

DANGEROUS DRIVING.

In imposing a fine of \$50 (or six weeks' hard labour) on the driver of a public car, Mr. E. W. Hamilton observed that these drivers were getting worse and worse every day.

The defendant is stated to have cut in front of a car driven by Mrs. Barker in Murray Road on the afternoon of December 6. Mrs. Barker had just turned into Murray Road from Chater Road and in so doing had slowed down to allow a lorry to get in front of her. As she was about to accelerate, the defendant's car cut in from the right side.

The defendant's record showed that he had a previous conviction for dangerous driving.

Re-examination.

Re-examined by Mr. Fitzroy, witness said that from what he could see from the applications for shares, a loan was made by the bank to the applicant first, and the money was then applied to the shares. The money was not paid by the potential shareholder into the bank and then lent to him again. The process was just the reverse. The cash position of the Company, however, was such that they could never have made these loans.

You say that a balance sheet does not require an expert to prepare it?—It requires a man with some experience, that is anyone trained in book-keeping.

The object of a balance sheet is to show accurately the financial position of the company at the time?—Yes.

We went through a variety of things. Let us look at the word collateral security. What do you understand by these words?—I understand collateral security to mean additional security.

Additional to what?—Well, assuming a person is granted a loan and he gives a promissory note. He might also give some shares of another company and I should regard shares so deposited as collateral security.

His own personal note to repay: could that possibly be called collateral security?—As I understand it, no.

I think you have said that you have found nothing which could have been termed collateral security?—There was nothing.

You have described a number of things as wrong. Would you describe them as merely matters of book-keeping?—No, they were not. The case was adjourned until Saturday morning at 11.15 a.m.

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IT IS ANNOUNCED that the CONSTITUTION MEETING of the HONG KONG FLYING CLUB will be held at the CITY HALL on FRIDAY, 20th DECEMBER at 4.00 P.M.

His Excellency the Governor has intimated his willingness to preside at the Meeting, at which a Resolution for the Formation of the Club will be moved.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.17 p.m., stated:—

The northern depression has deepened and is moving N.E. towards Hokkaido. The anticyclone over N. Japan has strengthened. Freshening monsoon over the N. China Sea and along the S.E. coast of China.

Local Forecast: Northerly winds, moderate to fresh, drizzle or mist at first, improving later, colder.

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VICTORY—WHAT NEXT?

CANTON had every reason to accord General CHEN TAI TONG a most enthusiastic welcome on his return from the front. Twice this year he has saved the southern capital from an invader, defeating his adversaries on both occasions when they were almost within sight of their objective. But General CHEN TAI TONG, in his last campaign, did more than route an invader—he dispelled a bogey. Two years ago Canton had a taste of the rule of Mr. WANG CHING WEI, with the "Ironclads" as his executive arm.

It was a brief interregnum and little opportunity arose for this "extremist" regime to develop either a foreign or a domestic policy. It was cut short by the Communist upheaval of December 1927, when the Reds took the city and were expelled amid appalling carnage, mainly by the vigorous action of LI FUX LAM, the former unacknowledged king of Honan. No one knows what part the "Ironclads" played in that upheaval.

CHANG FAT FUI declares that the coup was engineered by the Kwangsi clique, but they replied that CHANG FAT FUI was at the back of it. Suffice it to say that WANG CHING WEI fled, and that the "Ironclads" were drummed out of Kwangtung by LI TAI HSIN and CHEN MING SHU acting in co-operation.

To the surprise and disgust of Canton and of China generally CHANG KAI SHEK, instead of disbanding the "Ironclads" and removing CHANG FAT FUI from his command, took this formidable unit under his special patronage. He used it, moreover, as a big stick to keep Canton in order. Did he require some concession from the South, or venture some new move towards centralisation of power at Nanking, Canton was threatened with the "Ironclads" should the local authority prove recalcitrant. The irony of it is that Canton has this year proved consistently loyal to Nanking, whereas the "Ironclads" rounded on their patron, and were entrusted by the insurgents with that most important move in the attack on CHANG's regime, the capture of Canton. But Canton proved a singularly tough proposition, and her troops, squaring up to the bogeymen, found that they went down before lead and steel like any ordinary mortals. The "Ironclads" have been dispersed and Canton, if allowed any say in the matter, will see that they are not allowed to re-assemble as a military unit.

The defeat of the "Ironclads" Kwangsi coalition was largely due to its unnatural nature, and to the fact that the temporary allies knew their objectives to be diametrically opposed. The Kwangsi militarists wished to re-impose their rule—by no means unsuccessful rule—over the Two Kwangs, and become, for practical purposes independent of Nanking. But WANG CHING WEI, the political leader of the "Ironclads" and the "Reorganizationists," wished to capture Canton and from that base start "the glorious revolution" all over again.

The interesting problem remains, what will Canton do? Though the Kwangsi army has been beaten, will Canton try and invade the province and drive out the returned Kwangsi militarists in order to see Nanking nominees ruling a hostile province? On the other hand, will the old enthusiasm for CHANG KAI SHEK's centralising policy be maintained? If CHANG re-organises the "Ironclads" yet again, will Canton accept so ungrateful and provocative an action? But if CHANG has no "Ironclads" with which to keep Canton to heel, will the Canton Government continue to accept orders from Nanking and send subsidies to the National Treasury? "War settles nothing," is a well-known adage, and it does not look as if the outcome of the present conflict has done anything to decide the great problem of centralisation or provincial autonomy in China. It has merely given Canton a new power to accept or reject instructions from the capital, and Canton's rulers, being human, are not likely to forget their new-found strength.

From the local agents of the British India Steamship Company we have received a very neat little pocket-pencil, and from the Pharmacy, Queen's Road, two artistic calendars for 1930. From the N.Y.K. we have a wall-calendar on which appears a very bold and effective picture of the Asama-maru.

Passengers crossing to Kowloon on one of the ferries at about 1.10 yesterday afternoon were entertained by a small Chinese boy, who performed a number of acrobatic feats on deck amidships. The youngster took up a collection, and quite professional fashion, and seemed very pleased with the financial result of his five-minute performance.

An armed robbery is reported to have occurred at Prince Edward Road, Mongkok, at 3.30 a.m. yesterday. Four robbers armed with daggers forced their way into a match used as sleeping quarters by the Tai Luk Constructor's Co. The inmates of the shed were awakened and robbed but much to their disgust the intruders only found \$11.50.

The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce announces that Chinese merchants in the Colony will adhere to the old lunar calendar for business transactions next year. It is doubtful whether merchants in Canton will discard the old system next year, in spite of the edict of the Government. When merchants in Canton really adopt the solar calendar their colleagues in this Colony will follow suit.

Dawn Ashton, the well-known English operatic coloratura soprano and Laszlo Schwartz, the Hungarian violinist and composer, are giving special numbers from their repertoire at the Repulse Bay Hotel dinner dance on Saturday, December 21, at the Hong Kong Hotel. Boxing Day dinner dance and at the Peninsula Hotel dinner dance on Friday, December 27. Tables can now be reserved at any of the hotels of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

The present struggle in China simplifies into a triangular contest with CHANG KAI SHEK, WANG CHING WEI and the provincial War Lords as protagonists. It is a little reminiscent of the Walrus, the Carpenter, and the Oyster of our nursery days. WALRUS WANG and CARPENTER CHANG both want to eat those wicked oysters, the warlords. But WANG and CHANG have fallen out badly. WANG says that CHANG is himself a warlord and wishes to crush the Kuomintang and make himself dictator. CHANG replies that WANG is a Communist. In the struggle they both seek to get the support of "the oysters." But they, poor things, are bent on self-preservation, and think the best means to the end is to dispose of both these "unpleasant characters." One can imagine therefore that the Kwangsi leaders hoped to see the Canton army and the "Ironclads" eliminate each other, leaving the men from Nanking and Wuchow in command of the situation. The appropriate result is that both of Canton's assailants have been badly mauled and CHANG KAI SHEK's cause is again in the ascendant.

Another excellent performance of "The Geisha" was given last night by the Philharmonic Society in the Theatre Royal. Principals and chorus have settled into their parts, and the whole performance runs more smoothly. Mrs. Bowes Smith in particular was singing far more in her usual style, and made a great success with "A. Geisha's Life." Mr. Greensmith was as delightful as ever. There was a full house again and among the audience were His Excellency Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi.

At the request of a Committee formed by Chinese merchants and residents to consider the form of a suitable presentation to H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., on his forthcoming departure for Malaya, Mr. Chan Hing Pak, the secretary of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce has drafted a eulogy. This is being submitted to Sir Shou-sun Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall and Dr. S. W. Tso for approval and will be translated into English by Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. Chow Tsun Nien, and then embroidered.

Peking policemen have been warned that hereafter they must catch criminals upon whose trail they are efficiency. A definite schedule of rewards and punishments for policemen has been fixed by the local Bureau of Public Safety. Rewards ranging from \$50 to \$500 are established for successful policemen, the reward depending upon the nature of the crime. An unsuccessful policeman, on the other hand, will have his salary reduced the first time he fails to catch a criminal, and the second time will be dismissed from the force.

With the failure of his revolt against the Government at Nanking, Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang has resumed his study of Chinese writing and painting, at his mountain retreat in Shansi province, in the north-west. Marshal Feng continues to live as the guest of Marshal Yen Hsi Shan, Governor of Shansi, in a little village about 80 miles from the Shansi capital. His movements are still regarded nervously by political leaders, mindful of the saying that "one never knows which way Feng will jump." Whether Marshal Feng has now gone into actual seclusion as well as nominal retirement, is a question only the future can decide. At the moment it seems to be content to pursue his studies in his quiet retreat.

Speaking of the Warwick Revue Company, who will play a return season at the Star Theatre commencing on Friday next, the North China Daily News said: "It is a pleasure to watch the finished, effortless work of Mr. Warwick's artists. There is a richness and ease in their playing which points to complete mastery of their art, and they use their skill with admirable discretion, always giving one a sense of something in reserve. Mr. Warwick is an old friend in Shanghai, who can always be relied upon to bring a good company. He has certainly never brought a better one." Booking is proceeding at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre, and early application for reservations is recommended.

The visit of Mr. Kenkichi Yoshizawa, former Japanese Minister to China, to French Indo-China, may pave the way for consummation of the long-delayed commercial treaty between Japan and the French Asiatic possessions. Mr. Yoshizawa is to be appointed Ambassador to France, and will probably depart for Paris next spring after his return from Saigon. His mission in French Indo-China, it is understood, is to familiarize himself with conditions there so that he will be equipped with first-hand experience in his efforts to obtain a commercial treaty from the French Government. Japan long has desired a commercial agreement covering French Indo-China, to improve her position in that rich market. France has delayed, fearing Japanese competition.

The story of how a wireless message reached a V.C. hero in the Rockies was told last month when Major John MacGregor, late of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, arrived at Southampton in the White Star liner Olympic to attend the dinner given in London to holders of the V.C. Major MacGregor, who was born in Warrington, has lived in Canada for 20 years. He said "I was sitting in my cabin one night when a friend ran into the room and told me that the wireless stations were inquiring whether anybody knew of my whereabouts. My friend had motored 100 miles to tell me the news and be persuaded me to leave directly in his car for the nearest railway station. We caught the Toronto express with only 10 minutes to spare. I was not able to tell my wife and family know that I had caught the train. At Toronto we had two hours to spare so I brought some spare gear and finally I arrived at New York V.C. in France in 1918; he also holds the M.C. and the D.C.M. and D.B.

A cowboy artist on his way to Berlin to continue his studies arrived at New York to find when he opened his bag in his hotel that it contained, not his shirts and socks, but £50,000 in National City Bank stock, which he had never seen before. He had taken the wrong suitcase in his haste to leave the train to see New York. The artist immediately placed the bag in the hotel safe and notified the bank.

A device by which, it is claimed, astonishing results have been obtained in the restoration of persons apparently dead was exhibited recently at the Sydney Medical Congress. The device is based on the principle of stimulating the heart muscles by plunging a needle charged with electrical current into the heart for a period of ten seconds. Its designer declared that in one instance it was possible to revive an infant after the usual methods had failed. It is hoped that the new treatment may prove of value in drowning cases.

Germany does not want to be caught off its guard at the next Olympic Games. Its first candidates have already started training. They are the three stallions Grossadmiral, Falcon, and Scipio, which have been brought to the German army cavalry academy at Hanover to be trained under expert coaching for the equine contests of the Los Angeles Games in 1932. Falcon and Scipio both competed successfully in the Amsterdam Games, and in several tournaments since.

The report on the health of the Royal Air Force during 1928, discloses that a beginning was made during the year for an investigation into the effects of fast flying and intensive aerobics. A special apparatus has been built at the royal aircraft establishment for the investigation of the effects of fast horizontal turns, and it is hoped to use this in conjunction with an apparatus suggested by the Director of Scientific Research for studying the effects of steep dives, etc. Upon the first apparatus a certain number of successful pilots have been tested in respect of the effects upon pulse-rate, blood-pressure, and ocular muscle balance. When a sufficient number have been tested it may be possible to devise if necessary a simpler test capable of more general application.

A daring hold-up having all the traditional features of the "Wild West" days threw the town of Peru (Indiana) into a ferment recently. During the morning rush of business half a dozen desperadoes entered the First National Bank flourishing revolvers. They compelled everyone in the bank to lie flat with their faces to the ground, and then they ordered a clerk to open the safe, from which the sum of \$2,000 was taken by the robbers. A policeman and a civilian who attempted to interfere with them were ruthlessly shot. One of the clerks managed to set off a burglar alarm, but when police headquarters called up to ascertain what was wrong a bandit compelled the unfortunate clerk to answer that there was nothing the matter and to excuse his error.

The American Automobile Association announces that dates for the international automobile speed classic at Daytona Beach, Fla., have been set for March 1 to 15, and that Kaye Don, the well-known British driver, definitely has entered a powerful machine with which he hopes to shatter the present record of 231 miles an hour. The bulletin also stated that Capt. Malcolm Campbell, of England, who established a record of 207 miles an hour at Daytona Beach in 1925 with his "Blue Bird Special," contemplates fitting one of the latest Napier-Schneider engines into his machine and attempting to regain the world's speed record. The present mark of 231 miles an hour was established on the sands at Daytona Beach by Major H. O. D. Segrave in his "Golden Arrow."

The Microbe Market. The Union of Post Office Workers is requesting the British Postmaster-General to make special regulations for the transmission of "germs" and pathological specimens through the post. The fear is, apparently that such things may break out and bite the sorters or postmen. It will be news to attentive students of the English Press to learn that such cargoes are ever entrusted to the post at all. The more usual method is to carry them in a motor-car, leave the motor-car unattended, and then have the microbes and other deadly decorations stolen by some representative of what appears to be a highly specialised branch of the criminal profession. Hardly a day goes by that we do not read that some doctor has had all his precious cholera germs removed from his car, or a choice consignment of infantile paralysis carried away by some person or persons unknown. If doctors have really taken to sending such things through the post, it will be a great blow to many a hard-working criminal. But why such things were stolen and what happened to them when they were "carried out" is one of the mysteries of modern crime.

George Hossfield, of Paterson, New Jersey, the former world's champion typist, by writing 8,129 net words in one hour regained his title in the international typewriting contest held at Toronto, defeating Albert Tangora by four words a minute. Hossfield struck the keys 41,897 times for 8,339 gross words. He had twenty-one errors, for which he was penalised 210 words. Tangora wrote 8,300 words in the same time, but had fifty-five errors. Hossfield averaged 135 words a minute and Tangora 131. The third of Paterson's "Three Musketeers," Barney Staport, who wrote 123 words per minute, took third place. Stella Willins, of Brooklyn, was fourth with 124 and Irma Wright, of Toronto, was fifth with 112.

Clemenceau on Death. A few days before his death M. Clemenceau's book of memoirs, "In the Evening of My Thought" was published. The book is concerned almost wholly with metaphysics. Its thousand pages contain many striking phrases and thoughts—especially when he deals with the subject of death. "The soul was invented in order to explain the body—but lo and behold, the body explains itself through the play of its phenomena; whereas to this day no one has been able to enlighten us on the relations between the soul and the body that it is supposed to actuate. A dreamless sleep—that is, a purely negative state of unconsciousness—is all that we can anticipate of death. That is not very terrifying. An absence of pleasure; an absence of pain. Death is no more and no less than sleep. In the evenings everyone looks forward to the approaching hours of unconsciousness."

The Cost of War. The Australian Commonwealth War Historian (Captain C. E. W. Bean), in an address to members of the Constitutional Association at Sydney, said that even yet there were men and women who did not thoroughly realise the tremendous cost of the war to the world in both men and women. According to the latest statistical information available more than 10,000,000 men were actually killed in the war and the capital cost to 1919 exceeded £20,000,000,000. Australia lost more than 80,000 killed, and since the war there had been at least 50,000 deaths amongst returned men that could be directly or indirectly attributed to war injuries, said Captain Bean. In round figures the Allies lost 6,000,000 men. Germany and her allies lost at least 4,000,000, or a grand total in killed on active service of 10,000,000 men. Since the war there were at least another 10,000,000 who had succumbed to injuries received at the war, or to sicknesses due to war causes. What it cost in money would be almost impossible to calculate, as in addition to the 240,000,000,000 actual war cost there were the reparation costs, the restoration of industries, and the loss of trade and commerce during the war, and since Captain Bean read a number of last messages received from corps commanders and others during the progress of hostilities, and said that these would be housed in the National War Memorial at Canberra. In that memorial there would be tablets containing the names of more than 80,000 men who had given their lives for their country and the Empire. No one could visit that memorial and justly say that its contents made for the glorification of war. The outstanding lesson of the memorial would be that never again should a war that cost so much in lives, money, and money be forced upon the world.

Looking Back 25 Years. As arranged, a land attack between the Hong Kong Volunteers and the Volunteer troops took place last Saturday. The Volunteers were under the command of Major Chapman, who was assisted by Captains Macdonald and Ordish, and Lieuts. Lamont, Northcote, Macdonald and Scott, while the troops were commanded by Major Pritchard and Lieutenant Gresson. The arrangement for the manoeuvre was that the troops should be in possession of the Northern hills from Aberdeen, and the Volunteers were to effect a landing and try to capture their position. At about 5.30 p.m. the contesting armies withdrew from the field of battle, and marching to Pokfulam Road, were there met by His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by his A.D.C. His Excellency expressed himself as well pleased with the way in which the attack had been planned and carried out, after which he headed the troops in their homeward march. Hong Kong Daily Press, Dec. 19, 1904.

Looking Back 50 Years. Hong Kong Public School.—The school will be opened in St. Paul's College on Monday, January 5. Hours (for the present), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fee, 83 pence, payable in advance. Applications for admission should be made at once to the Right Rev. Bishop Burdon. By order of the committee, A. Lister, Honorary Secretary. Hong Kong Daily Press, Dec. 18, 1929.

CONSULS' TRAIN RETURNS.

TOO DANGEROUS AT MIENTUHO.

FIGHTING CONTINUES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOYO, Dec. 17. Rengo's correspondent from Mientuho says that after three days' fruitless parleying at Mientuho the Consul's train decided to return to Cuhatu, in compliance with the entreaties of the Chinese military officials, who report fighting between Chinese troops and Red cavalry near Yakasu, by which Mientuho is endangered.

Messages from Harbin state that according to Hailar reports the Chinese soldiers during the general retreat in November looted the "China Thrift Investment Bank" allegedly an American capitalized institution. They murdered the manager and his wife.

Although the reports do not specify, it is believed the victims are not American citizens, but either Chinese or "White" Russians.

BRITISH FORCES IN CHINA.

A DETAILED STATEMENT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, Dec. 16. Mr. Henderson, in House of Commons to-day, stated that the British naval forces available for the protection of British nationals in case of danger were five cruisers, one aircraft-carrier, eight destroyers, five sloops and eighteen gunboats.

The available military forces consisted of three battalions at Hong Kong and two at Tientsin, with small detachments at Peking and Weihaiwei.

The other foreign Powers had an aggregate naval strength in Chinese waters which was approximately the same, and about eight thousand troops, mainly at Tientsin and Shanghai.

Mr. J. S. Wardlaw Milne asked whether Japan was included among the other Powers mentioned.

Mr. Henderson asked for notice of that question.

Mr. Charles Williams asked if Mr. Henderson meant that the whole of the British naval forces in China were at least as great as the whole of the remaining foreign forces put together, including Japan.

Mr. Henderson replied: "I think I was dealing with a comparison of the military forces."

Mr. Peter MacDonald asked if the recent rising was due to Soviet propaganda.

Mr. Henderson said he had no information. According to a Press report a Sino-Soviet agreement had been reached locally on the immediate issues in Manchuria, but he had no official information in confirmation.

NAVIGATION RIGHTS NEXT.

TO REVERT TO CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 17. At this morning's meeting of the Administrative Yuan a proposal was introduced advocating the retrocession of China's inland coastal navigation rights. A proposal was adopted planning the taking over within the next year of foreign steamship companies operating in China waters.

TANG SENG CHI IN RETREAT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Dec. 17. It is reliably reported here that Tang Seng Chi has hurriedly evacuated Chengchow, and retreated in the direction of Haichang on the Kihnan Railway, on account of the movement of Shansi troops from Shihchiang to Changteh and other places along the north bank of the Yellow River.

YANGTZE SHIPS FIRED ON.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17. It is reported that the s.s. Iping and s.s. Iling, of the Yangtze Rapid Company, were under heavy fire 40 miles above Ichang on Saturday last.

CAPTURED WESLEYAN MISSIONARY.

\$10,000 RANSOM ASKED.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17. With reference to the capture by Communists of Mr. H. A. K. Sandy of the Wesleyan Mission at Tayeh is demanded.

SUPPRESSION OF PIRACY.

DEMAND FOR ACTION BY BRITAIN.

COMMONS QUESTIONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSBY, Dec. 16. Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, was asked in the House of Commons to-day, if he had made any representations to the Chinese Government regarding the increase of piracy along the China Coast.

The Foreign Secretary replied that representations had been repeatedly made in recent years and the British Minister had instructions to keep the matter before the Chinese Government with a view to their taking effective suppressive measures.

However, as far as his information showed, there had been no deterioration in the situation in recent years.

The problem of securing the safety of British commerce was one that was constantly kept in view. It would have been noticed, he said, that in the recent case of the attack upon the s.s. Haiching, two British warships had been instrumental in saving the vessel.

JAPAN GOES A STEP FURTHER.

WHAT "70 PER CENT." MEANS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, December 17. Mr. Wakatsuki has made a statement that Japan, felt entitled to a minimum naval strength, which would be "insufficient for attack, and only adequate for defence in home waters." Japan wanted 70 per cent. of the naval strength of Great Britain or the United States in auxiliary craft as a whole. No reference to any category is understood.

This means that Japan at the Naval Conference will seek to divide her 70 per cent. strength as she chooses, within certain limits, conforming to her defensive needs. For example, it might mean that although she is allowed 70 per cent. of the cruiser tonnage of the Great Powers, Japan might ask the Conference to approve a plan whereby she can reach only 60 per cent. of the strength of Great Britain or the United States in the cruiser category and allocate the remaining tonnage to submarines.

Keen On Submarines!

LATER. Interviewers of Mr. Wakatsuki gathered that Japan will be willing to make considerable concessions in other categories in order to keep what she considers her minimum defensive armaments in submarines and 10,000 ton cruisers. It is also intimated that 50,000 tons of submarines, or approximately Japan's present undersea strength, will be offered as a minimum in London.

"MANUKA" GOES ASHORE.

TOTAL LOSS; ALL ABOARD SAVED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WELLINGTON, N.Z., Dec. 17. The Union Steamship Company's s.s. Manuka went ashore to-day in a fog near Dunedin, and is a total loss. Her two hundred passengers and crew were landed safely.

The cargo includes a collection of British pictures valued at \$25,000, intended for exhibition in New Zealand. They include two oil paintings by Sir William Orpen, four oil paintings and two water colours by Dame Laura Knight, and etchings by Frank Brangwyn and C. R. W. Nevinson.

FATAL BALTIMORE FIRE.

A HEROIC NEGRO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17. Four people are dead and 7 were injured in a fire in a warehouse here to-day.

A negro saved a party of girls trapped on the fire escape owing to the sliding ladder sticking. The negro climbed up amid the flames and pounded the ladder loose with a hammer.

EX-PRESIDENT CALLES' RETURN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 17. Ex-President Calles, who faces a charge in Mexico of conspiracy to murder, has arrived here on a special train en route to Mexico City. A detachment of United States marines boarded the train which did not stop.

ROTHBURY MINE RE-OPENS.

N.S.W. CABINET BLAMED FOR TROUBLE.

MR. SCULLIN ANGRY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SYDNEY, December 17. Volunteers began preliminary work at the Rothbury Mine this morning, very quietly. A huge Trade Unionist demonstration is to be held in Hyde Park this evening as a protest against the shooting of miners on Monday.

The compulsory Conference has recommended that the mines be re-opened at the old wage rates. The Federal Government will subsidise the production of coal in the New-castle area, pending the award of the Arbitration Court, which will begin a hearing of the dispute not later than January 22.

The price of coal is temporarily reduced 4/- a ton, the owners and the Federal State Government sharing the cost. The Federal Government has agreed to the recommendations.

A Melbourne message says that Mr. Scullin criticised Mr. Bavin's refusal to attend the compulsory conference, and said that the New South Wales Government's attempt to re-open the Rothbury mine contributed to Monday's rioting.

BRITISH TIN MERGER.

\$5,000,000 HOLDING COMPANY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 17. It is officially announced that a merger has been provisionally agreed upon by four important tin-smelting companies, namely the Cornish, the Eastern, the Penpoll, and Williams Harvey Company.

A holding company with an authorised capital of \$5,000,000 is to be formed; shares of which will be offered in exchange for shares of the four companies.

OCEAN BED MOVED.

MUST BE CHARTED AGAIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 17. Reports from the fleet of cable-ships now attempting to repair the cable breaks caused by the recent earthquake on the Atlantic coast, indicate that the ocean bed has rapidly changed over the affected area, and must be recharted.

The Swedish liner Kungsholm has arrived from Gothenburg, and the captain said the soundings taken in an area 800 miles in length approaching Cape Race showed variations of 40 to 50 fathoms from soundings recorded on existing charts. Only a few of the chart soundings were found correct.

GERM OF INFLUENZA DISCOVERED?

AMERICAN JOURNAL SCOUTS CLAIMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 17. Commenting on the widespread interest aroused in the United States and Great Britain by the claim of Professor Isadore Falk of Chicago University to have discovered the influenza germ, the American Medical Association Journal denounces the claim as "unwarranted."

It says, "There is little or no evidence in scientific or medical literature to indicate that Falk has progressed any further towards the solution of this problem than workers in other parts of the world have done now or in the past."

Shown a copy of the journal Professor Falk remarked "Full evidence of my discovery will shortly be published."

DEATH OF SIR ERNEST BIRCH.

FORMER GOVERNOR OF NORTH BORNEO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 17. By a tragic coincidence, and following closely upon the death of the Governor of North Borneo, Mr. J. L. Humphries, the death is reported from London of Sir Ernest Woodford Birch, K.C.M.G., who was Governor of North Borneo in 1901-4. He was afterwards British Resident in Perak 1904-1910. Sir Ernest Birch was 72 years of age.

He was born in 1846, and was a member of the House of Commons from 1876 to 1896.

GOVERNMENT'S BAD TIME.

CRITICAL COAL BILL DEBATE.

A DESPERATE STRUGGLE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 16. The Conservative amendment for the rejection of the Coal Mines Bill, which Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister will move, when the Bill comes up for the second reading to-morrow, does not state any reasons, but merely moves "that the Bill be read a second time this day six months."

The amendment thus gives the Liberals a chance of joining the Conservatives in the division Lobby.

Four prominent coal-owners, representing four Scottish districts, have issued a statement opposing the Coal Mines Bill.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT QUESTION.

CAUSTIC COMMENT BY TORIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 16. In the House of Commons the third reading of the Unemployment Insurance Bill was passed after the defeat by 273 votes to 198, of the Conservative amendment for rejection of the Bill on the ground that it burdened the Exchequer and was calculated to result in a Budget deficit of at least £20,000,000.

A Few Figures.

RUGBY, Dec. 17. During the debate on the Unemployment Insurance Bill last night, the Chancellor of Exchequer, Mr. Philip Snowden, referred to the finances of the insurance fund, to restore the solvency of which was one of the aims of the Bill.

The debt in that fund had grown from £5,000,000 to £37,000,000 in a little over five years. But for the Act of two years ago reducing contributions to the fund, the debt would have fallen to £20,000,000.

The Government was faced with the alternatives of increased borrowing powers for the fund, or the raising of contributions; or otherwise handing to the Exchequer the responsibility for keeping the fund solvent. They had decided on the last named.

The financial proposals in the Bill were very complicated. They would add £14,000,000 to the Exchequer contribution to the fund. Increased benefits to young persons were a very small additional annual charge on the funds of the scheme about £370,000.

The Main Burden.

Increased rates for dependents would cost about £1,750,000. But altered conditions regarding finance of the fund were responsible for the main financial burden. Referring to the much discussed clause amending conditions on which benefit is paid to the unemployed, "genuinely seeking work" he said there were three classes of working people.

The vast majority, 90 per cent., and perhaps more, were honest, straightforward, men who felt humiliation at being out of work. There was another class who will be called inefficient, who wanted work but experienced the greatest difficulty in getting it; and there was a negligible class, who perhaps preferred to live in a state of endowed idleness rather than to earn their living by working.

It was much better that one in a thousand should get the benefit though he did not deserve it, rather than that 999 who deserved it should not get it.—British Wireless.

"Dismal Jimmies."

LONDON, Dec. 16. "Without steps to improve the outlook of British industry, the current tendency to increase taxation at the behest of sentimental theorists, would lead the country to bankruptcy."

This dismal prediction by Lord Melchett, addressing the London Chamber of Commerce to-day, was endorsed by Mr. Churchill, simultaneously speaking at a Unionist gathering in London. The latter declared that far from curing unemployment, every step the Government had taken tended to increase the number of able-bodied paupers.

Labour was seeking to transform the country into a vast soup kitchen.

Mr. Churchill said he intended increasingly to direct attention to the grave impending developments in Egypt, which ultimately, perhaps not distantly, would lead to serious effusion of blood, while the same proposals which were enjoining the Government to do so in India on a far larger scale.

SHIPPING ACCIDENT AT SHANGHAI.

JAPANESE BOAT "RUNS AMOK."

BATTLESHIPS BUMPED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17. H.M.S. Berwick and the French flagship Waldeck Rousseau, which were lying off the Bund, were involved in an accident at 1 o'clock this afternoon, when the Yatorofu Maru, steaming up the Whangpoo, struck the Berwick's buoy head on, pushing it against the stem of the battleship.

The Yatorofu Maru was badly holed in the bows. She bounced off, and carried by the tide crashed into the bows of the Waldeck Rousseau. The Yatorofu Maru then dropped anchors, but carried by a strong tide was swung around and sandwiched the French destroyer Marne between herself and the Waldeck Rousseau, with damage to the Marne.

Dragging her anchors yet farther the Yatorofu Maru narrowly averted a collision with another steamer. The extent of the damage to the Japanese ship is considerable.

ANOTHER BIG MERGER IN U.S.A.

STEEL FIRMS THIS TIME.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, December 17. The New York Times understands that a scheme is being completed for a merger of independent steel companies in the Middle West combining total assets of 500 million dollars. The Eaton Otis Mather interests are sponsoring the merger.

EUROPEAN DRUG RING.

BIG ORGANIZATION REVEALED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CAIRO, Dec. 16. The discovery of a large quantity of heroin derivative in a consignment of building material from Bale, Switzerland, provided the Egyptian authorities with the clue which resulted in the unearthing of a widespread organisation for the smuggling of dangerous drugs to Egypt and the Far East from Europe.

The co-operation of the Egyptian, Swiss and Italian authorities had led to the breaking up of the gang.

Many arrests have been made, implicating various persons at Lugano, Milan, Genoa and Strassbourg, including a certain Doctor Muller, of Bale, whose books, seized during the recent raid, showed extensive dealings in drugs, including "ester" of morphine.

"Ester" of morphine is not, at present, classified in Swiss law as a narcotic, but as a result of the present episode it is hoped shortly to treat it as such.

Huge Profits.

GENEVA, Dec. 17.

Six women and two men have been detained by the police at Zurich in connection with the drug traffic. Those arrested included one of the ring-leaders of the organisation, which is said to have bought cocaine at 800 to 1,200 francs a kilogramme, and sold it at ten to twenty francs a gramme.

The proprietor of the chemical laboratory at Zurich, and one of his assistants, who have been arrested, were in relations with the chemist arrested, at Bale, and apparently traded chiefly to Italy and the East.

Two alleged traffickers have been arrested in Trieste by request of the Swiss authorities.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.

A GOVERNMENT SCHEME.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 16. The Premier gave a luncheon party to-day to leaders of industry and political economists.

Mr. Ramsey MacDonald is taking the opportunity of discussing the idea of forming a National Economic Committee on similar lines to the Committee of Imperial Defence, and it understood that conversation at these gatherings is crystallising towards the object desired, but no final decision has yet been reached.

Mr. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. J. H. Thomas, Minister-in-Charge of Unemployment, accompanied the Premier.

NON-STOP FLIGHT RECORD.

MANY ASPIRANTS IN THE FIELD.

THE R.A.F. ATTEMPT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 17. The attempted non-stop flight by the R.A.F., on a Fairey-Napier monoplane, to South Africa, started from Cranwell Aerodrome, Lincolnshire, at 8 this morning.

The plane expects to reach Cape Town before nightfall on Thursday.

A 6,000-MILE JAUNT.

Britain's newest effort to break the world's non-stop, straight-flight record, is being made by Squadron-Leader A. G. Jones-Williams and Flight-Lieut. N. H. Jenkins in an attempt to fly 6,000 miles to Cape Town. They are using the same Fairey-Napier monoplane in which in April of this year the same pair flew from Cranwell to Karachi non-stop, but on account of gasoline shortage failed by a small margin to breaking the record.

Several considerations governed the decision of the Air Ministry to postpone the flight from the original mid-November schedule, to December. The principal consideration was the fact that chances are much better toward the end of December when the ground of the aerodrome will be frozen, than if the flight were started in November. Due to the immense weight of the laden plane, and the fact that the take-off can be made with a much shorter run from hard ground than from soft, experts consider that the later date was wisely chosen.

Although weather conditions are likely to be unfavourable over England, as soon as Lyons is passed, the weather should be fine, and as the airplane goes further south across Africa it should run into zones of consistently fine weather at this time of the year.

PROGRESS OF FRENCH FLYERS.

LE BRIX NEARING SAIGON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, December 16. Captains Le Brix and Rossi hopped off from the Le Bourget aerodrome at noon to-day for Benghazi, en route to Saigon, whither the airman Lussalle is also flying.

A Rival Flight.

PARIS, December 17. The Air Ministry has received a telegram stating that Challes passed over Maceio, 120 miles to the south-west of Pernambuco last night.

Planes Comes to Grief.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 17. Challes and Borgas, the non-stop flyers, are reported to have crashed near Maracaja, in the State of Rio Grande del Norte. One airman was seriously hurt.

Another Record Gone!

MARSEILLES, December 17. After a non-stop flight of 50 hours M. Costes and Lieut. Codoi broke the world's record of 4,800 miles established by the Italian, Ferrarin Delprete, for distance in a closed circuit.

SEIZURE OF WORKS IN POLAND.

A DEMAND FOR REDRESS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSBY, Dec. 16. In the House of Commons to-day, the Foreign Secretary was asked if his attention had been called to the seizure by the Polish authorities of certain works at Radom, near Warsaw, in which a prominent British company has great financial interests.

He was further asked if he was aware that, despite the fact that the Polish Government had admitted that the seizure of the works was wholly unjustified and illegal, the Polish Government had refused any compensation, and that unless this decision were altered the British company in question must apply for the sequestration of the works, and also involving serious loss of employment to British workmen.

Mr. Henderson replied that he was aware of the circumstances of this case and had recently despatched urgent telegraphic instructions to the British Ambassador at Warsaw, whose reply had since been received and communicated to the British company in question.

Mr. Henderson said he had also instructed the Ambassador, by a despatch, to present to the Polish Government the company's claim in respect of losses incurred by them. The future policy of the British company could only be decided by the company themselves.

It is reported from Constantinople that the Soviet and Turkish representatives have signed the Angora Protocol, renewing the Russo-Turkish pact of friendship concluded at Paris in 1925.

The China Association welcomed Dr. Alfred So, the Chinese Minister, and his wife, who are to be received by Their Majesties the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace on Thursday.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, stated in the House of Commons that Lord Cecil was "serving at the Foreign Office in a voluntary capacity." Government circles stated that there is not the least likelihood of Lord Cecil joining the Labour Party.

CHINA'S FINANCES.

THE KEMMERER MISSION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Dec. 7.—Dr. Edwin Kemmerer, American financial adviser to the Nanking Government, whose term of contract of service for one year will shortly expire, and his party will leave the country at the end of the term. Dr. Kemmerer, as he had promised at the outset, presented his advice on reorganization of the Chinese financial system in a voluminous writing. The contents, however, have not yet been published.

The principal points of his advice, however, appear to be adoption of a gold standard system and payment of Customs duties in gold. When the unification of silver currency itself is not yet carried out in China, it is understood that about \$800,000,000 to \$1,200,000,000 worth of gold in reserve will be necessary if China is to jump at once into adopting a gold standard system. His advice, therefore, is regarded as an empty dream at present, however excellent it may be in theory.

Motives Behind Invitation.

The contract of service of Dr. Kemmerer and his assistants has called for a payment of 2,000,000 yuan a month. It has been the idea of the Chinese, engaging the service of Dr. Kemmerer and his colleagues to win the goodwill of America for China, so that China may be enabled to borrow money in America for the railway enterprises in China. This plan of borrowing money in America, largely sponsored by Mr. Sun Fo, Railway Minister, has failed.

Meanwhile, Dr. Kemmerer himself has begun to despair of the success of his plans in China and has thrown up the sponge.

Dr. Kemmerer, an internationally known financial adviser, who won the sobriquet "Money Doctor" for his financial reorganization of various countries, including Poland, South Africa, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia and Chile, accepted the Chinese offer, according to his announcement on October 20, 1928, to become adviser in reorganizing the Nanking Government finances. He and his party, after preliminary work done, left America, sailing from San Francisco on January 18, 1929, for China. Dr. Kemmerer, until he accepted the post in China, was a Professor of Princeton University.

THE TRIAL OF HATRY.

"I AM IRRETRIEVABLY RUINED."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 16. Hatry and his three associates were committed for trial to-day, bail being refused. "I am irretrievably and irreparably ruined," declared Hatry, reading a written statement, adding "I shall prove my actions to have been clean and creditable, and take whatever punishment is in store, uncomplainingly."

Sir Gilbert Garnsey in the course of his evidence, said that Hatry telephoned on September 17 saying that he would like to see him. The four defendants came with Hatry as their spokesman, and said that they were guilty of serious offences in connection with the companies.

They had given loyal assistance to the investigation. The total remuneration paid the four defendants by seven companies was £24,526 to Hatry; £23,575 to Daniels; £11,585 to Dixon (all from 1925); £5,065 to Tabor (from October 1926 to September 1929).

Sir Gilbert Garnsey agreed that not a penny of the moneys which were the subject of the charge were traceable to the pockets of the defendants personally.

President Hoover has signed the income tax reduction bill.

Reports from Hailar indicate that the Soviet Government is inclining the Young Mongols to declare independence in the Barga district.

It is reported from Constantinople that the Soviet and Turkish representatives have signed the Angora Protocol, renewing the Russo-Turkish pact of friendship concluded at Paris in 1925.

The China Association welcomed Dr. Alfred So, the Chinese Minister, and his wife, who are to be received by Their Majesties the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace on Thursday.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, stated in the House of Commons that Lord Cecil was "serving at the Foreign Office in a voluntary capacity." Government circles stated that there is not the least likelihood of Lord Cecil joining the Labour Party.

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Sports News

RACING NOTES AND STABLE NEWS.

APOLLO TO RACE IN HONG KONG AT ANNUAL MEETING.

PONY WITH WONDERFUL RECORD.

[By "MORNING DEW."]

I heard some days ago that Apollo, the Shanghai cracker-jack, was being brought down here for our Annual Race-meeting, but not until I actually saw the animal in the flesh did I believe the news. I have seen Apollo and have read his record, and I must say that the pony has a wonderful list of performances to his name, and bids fair to win the Championships. He will be up against some very good animals, but before discussing his chances I think it would be better to acquaint readers with Apollo's record.

Record in Figures.

Apollo is officially recorded as standing 13 hands and 1 inch. He is a "Kiangwan" griffin of 1927 and, needless to add, is a "Z" class animal. In 1927 he broke two records, doing the three-quarters of a mile in 1 minute, 27.2 seconds, and the seven furlongs in 1 minute, 42.5 seconds. In the same year he ran second to Warrenfield in a mile and a quarter race. Warrenfield's time was 2 minutes, 29.1 seconds, and Apollo was only "a head" behind. In 1928 Apollo, carrying 160 lbs., broke the half-mile record in 55.4 seconds. In the earlier part of this year he again lowered the half-mile record, doing the distance in 55.1 seconds with 170 lbs. in the saddle. He added still further laurels to his brilliant record this year by accounting for a mile race in 1 minute, 50 seconds while carrying 165 lbs. This is not all for this summer he did the three-quarters of a mile in 1 minute, 21.5 seconds, lowering his own record.

"What of the Others?"

Frankly, Apollo's record is that of a champion all the way, but no one with any knowledge of racing would say that he is a moral certainty for the big event of the Annual Meeting. Our two best ponies on past performances are Sitting Bull and Elliot Bay. The former has never been really stretched, and might do wonders if pushed. He has never known defeat, and that is a great deal to reckon with. Elliot Bay should be back here by the time this appears in print, and is an animal who will, if in the pink of condition, run any pony off his legs. Elliot holds the 12 miles record, I saw him when he ran the record-lowering race. He covered the first mile in 2 minutes and 1.5 seconds, and I am sure if he is still in that condition, will be a real danger to

Apollo over a mile. But I must not speculate at this early date, and will content myself by watching the progress of the animals during the training season.

"Ilya Mourmiz."

There is one other pony in our midst to whom some recognition is due. This is Ilya Mourmiz, also from Shanghai, and very fit at the moment. He has been in Hong for some months, and might spring a surprise when the races come to be run. I understand he is being carefully "nursed," and readers can take it from me that he is in able hands and will do very well.

The "Chinese Stables."

President Hall, last year's Derby winner, returned to Hong Kong by the Empress of Asia last week, and is not looking too well, though I would not say he is unfit. This is a very good pony, and until he gallops does not appear to be a "crack" at all. Mr. Ho-Kom Tong had six other griffins on board the Empress of Asia, and they certainly look a very fine bunch indeed. It is too early to say whether he has a Derby winner in his stable, but there is no doubt he will be able to rely on some very excellent performers when February comes round. The other big "Chinese stables," that of Mr. Chin Tin Sion (who, by the way, owns Apollo) contains several good griffins and one of them, a grey, has already made a deep impression in the minds of some of the "fans."

Grand Duke.

The Lau and Lee stable, has, I understand, a very promising pony in Grand Duke. The animal is reputed to have done very well in test gallops, and will be racing with this season's griffins. It seems that the Derby will again fall into the hands of Chinese owners this year, as they are certainly strongly represented.

"Mr. Dynasty."

What of the non-Chinese owners? "Mr. Dynasty" has Lord Protector (still a griffin) and four others. It is about time "Mr. Dynasty" won the Derby, and those who believe in the retention of honours will no doubt support this stable for 1930. Twice in recent years the stable has obtained second place, and more than once its ponies have been looked upon as likely winners, particularly in the case of Heir Apparent. Well, this season the stable has the cattle, and should again be in the limelight.

More Griffins.

The Hynes and Mackie stable, I understand, are importing three griffins. There is no chance of the public seeing Peterkin, last year's hopeful who would not run, in action, as there is a report that the pony has developed further trouble in the North. However, racing enthusiasts can rely on this stable importing "the goods," and their three representatives will figure prominently in the training times next month.

Mr. Dunbar's Derby Hope.

Reports have it that Mr. Dunbar will again win the Derby; and it would certainly seem that he has a very good chance. He will have a long string of animals to choose from, as I understand some more griffins for his stable arrived yesterday. This stable generally produces ponies of high calibre, and there is no reason to think why this year there should be any exception to the rule. In fact, one of the owners who is always at the rails kindly gave me the information that Mr. Dunbar has the best griffins. Of course, I did not argue with him, as I was half inclined to agree, but it is too early yet to tell.

The "Jardine" String.

While the various stables are being mentioned, one must never forget the "Jardine" string, which is in the able hands of Mr. "Johnny" Heard. Mr. Heard made two very good animals out of Adam and Royal Flash last year, and one confidently expect a few more animals of that type in the Jardine Stable this season. The Hon. Mr. Shenton also has a couple of promising-looking griffins—one, The Albatross, looking particularly well at the moment. He moves well, too!

Our Subs.

The Pheasant, the best sub of the 1929 season, was due here yesterday and while you are reading this is probably tucked away comfortably at the stables in the Jockey Club. He will give O'Moon a good race in events confined to subs of any season. The present season's subs are all shaping well, and although it is very early in the day to make predictions, it is certain that such animals as Teashop, Sonny Boy, Grenadier, Musketeer, First Key, and one or two others will do particularly well.

Training Suspended.

It is particularly unfortunate that training has to be suspended for a week or so, owing to a case of glanders in the stable. The affected animal has been killed, but none of the ponies can leave the stables until they have been duly malleined. There are almost three hundred ponies to be treated, and the job may mean suspension of training for a week or so. I can only hope this will not interfere with the progress made by some of the subs recently. It will affect them more than the griffins and old ponies, who can easily afford a week's rest.

Look Out for News.

Readers will be well advised to look out for the latest news regarding ponies and stables, which will be published, as and when received, in the *Daily Press*. Next month, when the training becomes really interesting, information will be given regarding training times. Every effort will be made to give as full and complete a list of gallops as possible, so that those who are unable to "line the rails" in the morning cannot do better than read it all in the *Daily Press* next day.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB "A" v. H.M.S. HERMES.

This match is arranged for to-day at 5 p.m. sharp. Referee: Major Caddell. Club:—Back: S. J. H. Fox; Three-quarters: B. P. Massey, H. V. Koop, G. A. L. Plummer, O. Skinner; Half-backs: I. A. Ross, J. L. Bonnar; Forwards: D. J. Milne Day, A. D. Suttill, X. Cherrill, T. Riddell, A. Laidlaw, E. B. Gammell, B. L. Stock, W. E. Peers.

The team to play against H.M.S. Cornwall on Saturday, December 21 will be chosen after this game.

HOCKEY.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" team against the Club de Recreio at King's Park on Friday at 5 p.m.:—C. E. Moore, J. E. Henry, G. Rankin (Captain), R. D. Beaumont, A. Dale, N. W. Lasonder, S. J. Fox, L. G. Frost, D. Hazell, R. W. Sapsed, A. N. Other.

BROADCAST BASEBALL.

FANS WHO BEGIN TO HAVE HAD TOO MUCH.

New York, Dec. 10.—An executive session of executives of the American and National Baseball Leagues discussed the question of broadcasting games and the length of the baseball season. Some proposed that the season should be made shorter in order to keep the fans' interest more intense and to improve attendance.

FANLING HUNT AND RACE CLUB.

ENTRIES FOR CHRISTMAS MEETING.

The following are the entries for the Fanling Hunt and Race Club's Christmas Meeting on December 22 (next Sunday) at Kwant:—

1.—Xmas Pudding Stakes: Once Around.

Winner \$75; 2nd \$25. For China ponies. Winners at Kwant this season barred. Catch weights at 108 lbs. Entry \$5. Bingo, Bright Prospect, Craignav, Duke of Neiblung, Erin's Isle, Fernleaf, Fook Shau, Grey Eyes, Huntington, Lightning, Movanager, Safety Last, Sheila, Siang River, Six Hundred, Social Mark, Strathlorne, Sucre. There were 19 entries.

2.—United Services Christmas Cup: 1 1/2 Miles.

For a cup: 2 \$50; 3rd \$25. For China ponies the property of an officer in H.M.'s forces and/or member of the H.K.V.D.C. Weight for inches as per scale plus 5 lbs. Winner of "Autumn Services Plate" 5 lbs. extra. To be ridden by an officer in H.M.'s forces and/or a member of the H.K.V.D.C. Entry \$5. Aristophanes, As You Like It, Bright Prospect, Brown Eve, Fanling Stag, Fire Call, Grey Eyes, James Pigg. Eight entries.

3.—The December Plate: 1 1/2 Miles.

For a cup: 2nd \$75; 3rd \$50. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner of the "November Cup" 8 lbs. penalty, other winners at Kwant this season 5 lbs. penalty. Entry \$5. Ace of Spades, Amusement Tax, Aristophanes, Brown Eve, Erin's Isle, Erstwhile, Fire Call, James Pigg, Montana, Mowgli, Safety Last, Social Mark, Sucre, Target. Fourteen entries.

4.—Noel Handicap: 1 1/2 Miles.

Winner \$100; 2nd \$35. For China ponies. Entry \$5. Montana, Ace of Spades, Erin's Isle, Target, Social Mark, The Ptarmigan, Fire Call, Fernleaf, As You Like It, Blotting Paper, Caviare, Duke of Neiblung, Fanling Stag, Movanager, Sheila. 15 entries.

5.—Winter Maidens: One Mile.

Winner \$100; 2nd \$35. For China ponies that have never won a steeplechase. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started at Kwant allowed 5 lbs. Entry \$5. Amusement Tax, Aristophanes, Bingo, Brown Eve, Buster, Christmas Frolic, Diana, Erstwhile, Huntington, Jock, Lightning, Sea Hawk, Sheila, Siang River, Social Mark, Sucre, Sunloch, Two Clubs. 19 entries.

JUDGE LINDSAY DISBARRED

CHARGES OF IRREGULAR PRACTICE.

Denver, Dec. 9.—Judge Ben Lindsay one of the best-known jurists in the United States through his children's court and domestic relations work, was disbarred by the Colorado Supreme Court to-day on charges of splitting fees and also of accepting a fee for settling the estate of the late W. E. D. Stokes.

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F.A. CUP THIRD ROUND DRAW.

[THROUGH BUTTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 16.

First and Second Division League teams and the Corinthians enter the third round of the F.A. Cup Competition to be played on January 11.

The draw to-day resulted as under:—

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Blackpool
Preston N.E.
Bristol R.
Swindon
Barnsley
York City
Stoke
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SHEFFIELD UNITED BEAT ARSENAL.

Sheffield United, playing at home against the Arsenal to-day in a League match (Division I.), defeated the visitors by four goals to one.



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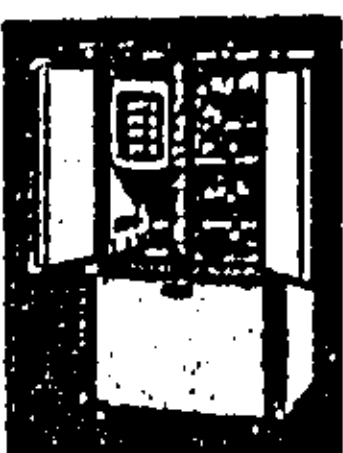
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ROYAL NAVY WIN BY THREE
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The game on the Club ground
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 game was a poor one. Wynne,
 Rodger, Butcher and A. V. Gosano
 were absent from the selected team
 and only ten men lined up for the
 them when the game started.

Ward and Gill turned out in
 place of Butcher and A. V. Gosano
 while Wyatt (Royal Navy) was in
 goal in place of Rodger.

With only one back against them,
 the Navy did most of the attacking
 but shooting was wild. At the
 interval the Royal Navy were lead-
 ing by a goal to nil. Hassell sent
 in a fast cross shot and Reeves in
 attempting to clear with a header,
 turned the ball into the goal giving
 Wyatt no chance to stop it.

The Royal Navy went further
 ahead on resuming, Small beating
 Wyatt with a fast drive. Bewley-
 Bull reduced the lead by turning
 in a pass from Ward. Cartwright
 sent in a long shot and Reeves
 again turned the ball into his own
 goal.

Hynes (H.K.F.C.) turned out for
 the Selected XI. in the second half.

Result:—
 Royal Navy 3
 Selected XI 1

The teams:—
 Royal Navy: Turner; Webb and
 Ward; Kesby, Evans and Bell;
 Hassell, Sorbie, Cartwright, Gould
 and Small.

Selected XI: Wyatt (R. Navy);
 Reeves; Hedley, West and Bliss;
 B. Gosano, Rocha, Bewley-Bull,
 Gill and Ward.

Further Trial.

Owing to players being unable to
 turn out in midweek to take part
 in Interport trial games, The Com-
 mittee have arranged to play an-
 other Trial game on Saturday next,
 and the following have been selected
 to play against Navy.

G. Rodger; Wynne and Reeves;
 Hedley, West and Bliss; B. Gosano,
 A. V. Gosano, McKelvie, Bewley-
 Bull and Butcher.

Reserves: C. Pile, Davey, Rocha
 and A. Ward.

The following games are down for
 decision to-day:—

HONG KONG LEAGUE.

Division II.

(Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.)
 S.L.I. Res. v. Club de Recreio
 Res., Kowloon F.C. ground.
 Referee: M. A. A. Masters.

R.A. Res. v. St. Joseph's Res.
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RAILWAYMEN AND REVENUE OFFICER.

ALLEGED ASSAULT AT THE STATION.

The case in which Revenue Officer
 Tallon is summoned by three em-
 ployees of the Kowloon-Canton
 Railway for an alleged assault on
 October 10, was resumed before Mr.
 T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon
 Magistracy yesterday. Revenue
 Officer Tallon has cross-summoned
 the complainants for unlawful
 possession of opium.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared
 for the complainants, and Mr. L.
 R. Andrews appeared on behalf of
 Revenue Officer Tallon, and pro-
 ceeded in the cross-examination.

The proceedings were originally
 begun before Mr. W. Schofield and
 after a discussion on the matter
 or re-hearing, it was decided to
 begin the evidence all over again.
 Mr. Whyte Smith intimated that
 he had not read the depositions,
 and that it would be better to take
 that course.

Mr. Rendall remarked that he
 did not know who arranged all
 these matters but it was a waste
 of time for his clients.

The evidence was re-heard, Mr.
 Rendall calling Mr. Smith, of the
 Railway, who said that he found
 the water-gauge on the engine to
 have been broken. The three com-
 plainants, an engine driver and
 two firemen also repeated their
 evidence.

The case for the prosecution was
 that the defendant (Mr. Tallon) en-
 tered the cabin of the engine and
 searched for opium. He was not
 wearing uniform at the time and,
 when the engine driver objected, he
 assaulted him and threw a spanner
 at him which broke the water-
 gauge.

One of the firemen came up into
 the cabin on hearing the cries of
 the engine driver and was also
 struck by Mr. Tallon.

A Lump of Coal Thrown.

Mr. Andrews in cross-examining
 one of the firemen, put it to him
 that he threw a lump of coal at Mr.
 Tallon which struck him on the
 shoulder and that was why he was
 struck in return. The witness
 denied this. The lump of coal
 which was produced was somewhat
 bigger than an ordinary red brick.
 Further evidence was taken and
 the hearing was adjourned to-
 day.

THEIR LAST REQUESTS.

CONDEMNED CHINESE WANT FOOD AND WINE.

Shanghai, December 13.—Six Chi-
 nese paid the extreme penalty for
 the crimes which they committed in
 the International Settlement when
 they were taken over to Lunghua
 and executed by order of the local
 military authorities.

Brought up in the Provisional
 Court, yesterday, to make known
 their last wishes before being shot,
 they were asked by the Judges
 whether they had anything further
 to say in respect of their sentences
 and whether they wished for any-
 thing, such as food or letters to
 be sent to their people at home.

"I don't want any letters writ-
 ten," said one of the accused in a
 sullen manner.
 "Give me food to eat and wine
 to drink, and I will thank you,"
 said the second, quite cheerfully.
 "What do I want letters sent to
 my people for?" the third asked.
 "All I want is wine and food."
 Said the fourth, "I have nothing
 further to say. Let's get over with
 it."

"Yes. Give me some food," re-
 marked the fifth, eagerly.
 And the sixth said: "I want
 food only. I don't want any letters
 sent home because if I wrote any
 letters home I would lose a lot of
 face."

All the accused were then identi-
 fied, given what they desired and
 sent to their doom.

SOVIET AND RELIGION.

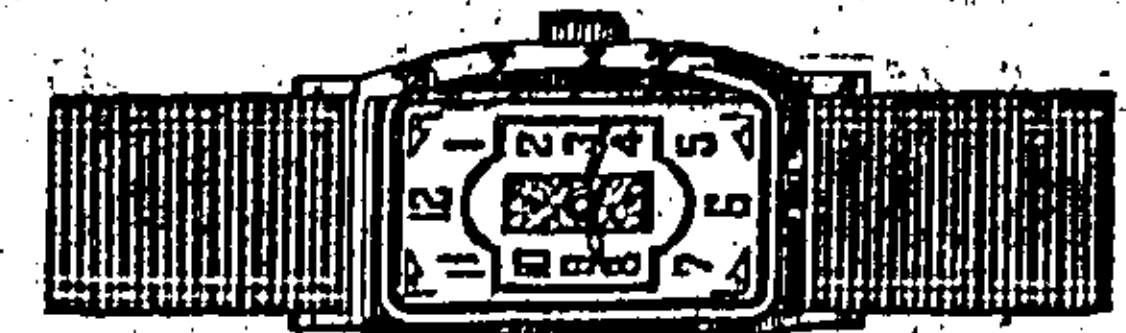
CHRISTMAS TREES FORBIDDEN.

Moscow, December 10.—The
 Soviet authorities threaten drastic
 punishment for all offenders
 against the prohibition to cut and
 market Christmas trees. This an-
 nouncement marks the culmination
 point in the Government's anti-reli-
 gious propaganda which, at the
 present, has as its target, the
 Christmas festival and the customs
 connected therewith and which is
 carried on by means of anti-reli-
 gious articles in the press.
 Other papers, as for instance, the
 Pravda, lay less stress on the
 religious side but point out that
 the observance of the Christmas fes-
 tival is not only incompatible with
 the five-day week but would finally
 jeopardize this "revolutionary
 achievement."



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Yingchow, B. & S., Dec. 25.
Takada, B.I., Dec. 27.
Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Dec. 28.
Anhui, B. & S., Dec. 28.
Kumsang, Jardine's, Jan. 1.
Tjisalak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 6.
Tjidadak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 8.

ANTWERP.

Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Ammon, Jensen, Dec. 24.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.
Oldenburg, Jensen, Jan. 10.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Tango Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.
St. Albans, E. & A., Jan. 3.
Taiping, B. & S., Jan. 14.

BALTIK PORTS.

Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.

BALTIMORE.

Urbino, Bank, Dec. 25.

BANGKOK.

Kwangchow, B. & S., Dec. 18.
Hiram, Thoresen, Dec. 22.
Kiangchow, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 25.
Hellas, Thoresen, Dec. 29.
Kiangsu, B. & S., Dec. 29.

BELAWAN DELI.

Cremar, J.C.J.L., Dec. 19.
Hmar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.

BOMBAY.

Alipore, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 27.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.

BOSTON.

Chinese Prince, Furness, Dec. 20.
Urbino, Bank, Dec. 25.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Jan. 1.
Larchbank, Bank, Jan. 3.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Royal Prince, Furness, Jan. 16.

BREMER.

Hmar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 26.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.

BRINDISI.

Himalaya, D'well's, Dec. 25.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Jan. 2.

CALCUTTA.

Namsang, Jardine's, Dec. 19.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 25.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.
Tilawa, B.I., Jan. 7.
Talanba, B.I., Jan. 7.
Yuenang, Jardine's, Jan. 6.
Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 17.

CEBU.

G'den Peak, S.S.S., Dec. 18.
Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Dec. 20.
Everett, S.S.S., Dec. 22.
Illinois, S.S.S., Jan. 5.

CHEFOO.

Kueichow, B. & S., Dec. 19.
Huichow, B. & S., Dec. 31.

COLOMBO.

Athos, II, M.M., Dec. 17.
Alipore, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Malwa, P. & O., Dec. 21.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Hmar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 23.
Ammon, Jensen, Dec. 27.
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 27.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Himalaya, Dodwell's, Dec. 28.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Dec. 31.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Jan. 7.
City of Chester, Bank, Jan. 9.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Oldenburg, Jensen, Jan. 10.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Angers, M.M., Jan. 14.

COPENHAGEN.

Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.

DALNY.

Chenau, B. & S., Dec. 18.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Dec. 20/21.
Yingchow, B. & S., Dec. 25.
Aller, Melchers, Dec. 29.
Coblentz, Melchers, Jan. 17.

DUTCH PORTS.

Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Hmar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
Canton, Gilman's, Dec. 23.
Patroclus, B.F., Dec. 24.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 26.
Ammon, Jensen, Dec. 27.
Khyber, P. & S., Dec. 28.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Diomed, B.F., Jan. 7.
City of Chester, Bank, Jan. 9.
Oldenburg, Jensen, Jan. 10.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Tjisalak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 14.

LOS ANGELES.

Anyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec. 31.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan. 14.
Bonnevill, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.

MANILA.

G'den Peak, S.S.S., Dec. 18.
Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Dec. 18.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec. 31.
Everett, S.S.S., Dec. 22.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 26.
Ammon, Jensen, Dec. 27.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Dec. 28.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., Dec. 31.
Tilkeboet, J.C.J.L., Dec. 31.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 3.
St. Albans, E. & A., Jan. 3.
Hellas, S.S.S., Jan. 5.
Oldenburg, Jensen, Jan. 10.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Tjisalak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 14.

MELBOURNE.

Anyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec. 31.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan. 14.
Bonnevill, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.

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Anyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.
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FOOCHOW.

Haining, Douglas, Dec. 21.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Dec. 24.
Chipshing, Jardine's, Jan. 12.

GENOA.

Cyclops, B.F., Dec. 20.
Ichang, B. & S., Dec. 20.
Hmar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 23.
Ammon, Jensen, Dec. 27.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Oldenburg, Jensen, Jan. 10.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.

GLASGOW.

Cyclops, B.F., Dec. 20.
Patroclus, B.F., Dec. 24.

GOTHENBURG.

Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Kwangchow, B. & S., Dec. 18.
Canton, M.M., Dec. 20.
Chusan, B. & S., Dec. 27.

HAMBURG.

Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Gleniffer, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Hmar, Melchers, Dec. 22.
Canton, Gilman's, Dec. 23.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 23.
Ammon, Jensen, Dec. 27.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Diomed, B.F., Jan. 7.
City of Chester, Bank, Jan. 9.
Oldenburg, Jensen, Jan. 10.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.

HAVRE.

Cyclops, B.F., Dec. 20.

HONOLULU.

Anyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.
Tatsumi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.

ILOILO.

G'den Peak, S.S.S., Dec. 18.
Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Dec. 20.
Everett, S.S.S., Dec. 22.
Illinois, S.S.S., Jan. 5.

JAPAN PORTS.

Angers, M.M., Dec. 18.
Bingo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 18.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Dec. 18.
Havelland, Jensen, Dec. 18.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.
Panama, Manners, Dec. 20.
Takaka Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.
Anyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.
Bellerophon, B.F., Dec. 23.
Hilda, D'well's, Dec. 24.
Khiva, P. & O., Dec. 24.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Dec. 24.
Takada, B.I., Dec. 27.
Frimland, Jensen, Dec. 23.
Aller, Melchers, Dec. 30.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec. 31.
Tathysius, B.F., Dec. 31.
Glenishane, Jardine's, Jan. 1.
Kumsang, Jardine's, Jan. 1.
Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 1.
Reno, Dodwell's, Jan. 2.
Mantua, P. & O., Jan. 3.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 7.
Jawa, Manners, Jan. 9.
Burgeland, Jensen, Jan. 9.
Glenamoy, Jardine's, Jan. 10.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Jan. 10.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan. 14.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Jan. 15.
General Metzinger, M.M., Jan. 15.
Glenagarry, Jardine's, Jan. 17.

KANTON.

Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 25.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.

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MARSEILLES.

Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Malwa, P. & O., Dec. 21.
Patroclus, B.F., Dec. 24.
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 26.
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Dec. 31.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Diomed, B.F., Jan. 7.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 10.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.
Angers, M.M., Jan. 14.

NAPLES.

Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 25.
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 11.
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NEW YORK, BOSTON, etc.

Chinese Prince, Furness, Dec. 20.
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Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
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NORTH CHINA.

Havelland, Jensen, Dec. 18.
Panama, Manners, Dec. 20.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Dec. 20/21.
Aller, Melchers, Dec. 30.
Burgeland, Jensen, Jan. 9.
Jawa, Manners, Jan. 9.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 17.

OSLO.

Canton, Gilman's, Dec. 23.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.

PANAMA.

Anyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.

PENANG.

Alipore, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Cremar, J.C.J.L., Dec. 19.
Namsang, Jardine's, Dec. 19.
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Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.
Yuenang, Jardine's, Jan. 6.
Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 17.

PORTLAND.

Nevada, S.S.S., Dec. 21.
Bonnevill, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.

RABAU.

Bremherhaven, Melchers, Dec. 26.

RANGOON.

Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 25.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.

SAIGON.

D'Artagnan, M.M., Dec. 31.
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 25.
Angers, M.M., Jan. 14.

SANDAKAN.

Mausang, Jardine's, Dec. 28.
St. Albans, E. & A., Jan. 3.
Hinsang, Jardine's, Jan. 6.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Takaka Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.
Nevada, S.S.S., Dec. 21.
Golden Sun, S.S.S., Dec. 24.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec. 31.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan. 14.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Bonnevill, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.

SCANDINAVIAN PORTS.

Canton, Gilman's, Dec. 23.
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.

SEATTLE.

Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Dec. 24.
Tathysius, B.F., Dec. 31.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 7.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Bonnevill, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.

SHANGHAI.

Angers, M.M., Dec. 18.
Bingo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 18.
Chenau, B. & S., Dec. 18.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Dec. 18.
Havelland, Jensen, Dec. 18.
Kwaiang, Jardine's, Dec. 18.
Linan, B. & S., Dec. 19.
Shansi, B. & S., Dec. 19.
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Ichang, B. & S., Dec. 20.

SHANGHAI.—(Continued).

Khiva, P. & O., Dec. 31.
Fooshing, Jardine's, Dec. 22.
Kanchow, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Suiyang, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Bellerophon, B.F., Dec. 23.
Hilda, D'well's, Dec. 24.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Dec. 24.
Sunning, B. & S., Dec. 24.
Waishing, Jardine's, Dec. 25.
Yingchow, B. & S., Dec. 25.
Takada, B.I., Dec. 27.
Ermland, Jensen, Dec. 28.
Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Dec. 28.
Hangsang, Jardine's, Dec. 29.
Aller, Melchers, Dec. 30.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec. 31.
Glenishane, Jardine's, Jan. 1.
Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 1.
Yatshing, Jardine's, Jan. 1.
Reno, Dodwell's, Jan. 2.
Mantua, P. & O., Jan. 3.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 7.
Jawa, Manners, Jan. 9.
Burgeland, Jensen, Jan. 9.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., Jan. 9.
Clemamoy, Jardine's, Jan. 10.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Jan. 10.
Khiva, P. & O., Dec. 24.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan. 14.
Tatsuno Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.
Bonnevill, Thoresen's, Jan. 15.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Jan. 15.
General Metzinger, M.M., Jan. 15.
Glenagarry, Jardine's, Jan. 17.
Coblentz, Melchers, Jan. 17.

SINGAPORE.

Kwangchow, B. & S., Dec. 18.
Alipore, P. & O., Dec. 19.
Cremar, J.C.J.L., Dec. 19.
Namsang, Jardine's, Dec. 19.
Cyclops, B.F., Dec. 20.
Malwa, P. & O., Dec. 21.
Antung, B. & S., Dec

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AMOI, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"CHENAN" On 18th Dec.	3 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SHANSI" On 18th Dec.	Daylight
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"LINAN" On 18th Dec.	10 a.m.
SWATOW, WUHAIR, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW" On 19th Dec.	10 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOI & SHANGHAI	"ICHANG" On 20th Dec.	Daylight
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUIYANG" On 22nd Dec.	Daylight
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KANTUNG" On 22nd Dec.	8 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"KANGHONG" On 22nd Dec.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & HANKOW	"KUNMING" On 24th Dec.	Daylight
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KINGCHOW" On 24th Dec.	11 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"CHUSAN" On 27th Dec.	3 p.m.
HONGKONG, FAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"ANHUI" On 27th Dec.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIANGSU" On 28th Dec.	3 a.m.
SWATOW & HANKOW	"KIANGSU" On 28th Dec.	11 a.m.
WUHAIR, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW" On 31st Dec.	10 a.m.

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ANGERS	14th Jan.	G. METZINGER	15th Jan.
SPHINX	28th Jan.	ANDRE LEBON	29th Jan.
G. METZINGER	11th Feb.	PORTOS	12th Feb.
ANDRE LEBON	25th Feb.	CHENONCEAUX	26th Feb.
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STATION	DECEMBER 16, 1929.										DECEMBER 17, 1929.									
	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Relative Humidity	Wind	Direction	Force	Clouds	State of Sky	Time of Day	Remarks	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Relative Humidity	Wind	Direction	Force	Clouds	State of Sky	Time of Day	Remarks
Wladivostok	12	80.19	76.6	17	NNE	8	a	6	39.91	75.9	22	NNE	4	s	...	...	...	...	...	...
Namuro	11	80.51	77.0	...	E	1	...	...	39.98	76.1	...	ESE	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hokodate	...	80.22	76.7	...	E	1	...	...	39.88	75.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tokio	...	80.16	76.6	...	E	1	...	...	39.96	76.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kochi	...	80.00	76.2	...	ENE	1	...	...	39.86	76.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagasaki	...	29.96	76.1	...	S	2	...	...	39.86	76.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kagoshima	...	29.96	76.1	...	NE	0	...	...	39.86	76.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oshima	...	29.98	76.1	...	NE	1	...	...	39.94	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naha	...	29.98	76.1	...	SSW	2	...	...	39.94	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ishigakijima	...	29.94	76.0	...	SSW	1	...	...	39.96	76.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bonin Island	...	29.94	76.0	...	E	1	...	...	39.88	76.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chefoo	15	30.03	76.2	86	83	NW	6	o	30.20	76.1	32	100	NW	7	o	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	14	30.04	76.2	46	97	NW	1	r	30.22	76.5	39	90	NW	4	o	...	...	...	...	...
Gutlaiff	...	30.07	76.3	48	100	NNW	4	c	30.22	76.5	42	82	NNW	4	o	...	...	...	...	...
Sharp Peak	...	29.72	75.4	66	89	E	1	r	29.98	76.1	63	89	NE	2	o	...	...	...	...	...
Amoy	...	29.91	75.9	70	91	E	2	o	29.96	76.1	66	95	SSE	2	o	...	...	...	...	...
Swatow	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taihou	11	29.95	76.0	77	79	...	...	...	29.98	76.1	66	94	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taihu	...	29.98	76.1	77	...	...	...	...	29.97	76.1	66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taiwan	...	29.95	76.0	81	...	...	...	...	29.94	76.0	64	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Koshun	...	29.94	76.0	82	...	...	...	...	29.94	76.0	63	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pescadore	...	29.95	76.0	79	...	...	...	...	29.94	76.0	70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hong Kong	14	29.85	75.8	75	84	S	2	o	29.93	76.0	71	97	E	2	o	...	...	...	...	...
Gap Rock	...	29.86	75.8	...	...	...	...	...	29.93	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Macao	...	29.81	75.7	79	80	S	4	o	29.89	75.9	70	100	SSE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoihow	...	29.90	75.9	80	70	...	...	...	29.93	76.0	72	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pratas Island	...	29.79	75.6	81	84	SSE	4	b	29.87	75.7	72	100	SSW	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Philippines	15	29.84	75.7	81	...	...	...	...	29.85	75.8	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tourane	...	29.84	75.7	81	...	...	...	...	29.84	75.7	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cape St. James	...	29.87	75.8	82	74	SE	4	b	29.92	75.9	72	70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Basco	14	29.84	75.7	86	56	S	4	b	29.89	75.8	72	91	S	2	o	...	...	...	...	...
Apariti	...	29.82	75.7	86	56	S	1	o	29.89	75.9	66	96	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	...	29.82	75.7	84	64	W	2	b	29.86	75.8	72	88	ESE	2	o	...	...	...	...	...
Vigan	...	29.82	75.7	84	60	WSW	2	o	29.87	75.7	68	83	E	1	o	...	...	...	...	...
Manila	...	29.81	75.7	84	60	WSW	2	o	29.84	75.7	75	94	NNE	2	o	...	...	...	...	...
Legaspi	...	29.81	75.7	86	75	NE	6	o	29.85	75.8	70	85	NE	1	o	...	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	...	29.80	75.6	82	63	NE	6	b	29.86	75.8	72	92	N	2	r	...	...	...	...	...
Taloban	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Iloilo	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cebu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Surigao	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.81	76.2	76	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saipan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	12.22	29.76	75.5	...	...	...	...	...	29.78	75.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Iap	11.00	29.74	75.4	...	...	...	...	...	29.78	75.6	78	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pelew	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.73	75.1	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.73	75.1	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.80	75.6	88	68	NE	2	b	29.85	75.8	80	74	SW	4	b	...	...	...	...	...

December 17d. 10h. 50m.—The northern depression is now central over the Sea of Japan. The depression over S.W. China has filled up. An anticyclone has formed over N. China. The monsoon will set in again along the S.E. coast of China. Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.60 inch. Total since January 1, 69.40 inches, against an average of 82.58 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 18.

- 1.—Formosa Channel
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamcocks
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 17

Barometer	Thermometer	Thermometer	Thermometer
Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.
29.85	30.02	29.95	30.02
75	72	69	75
85	95	85	85

Highest open-air Temperature, 18.75

Lowest open-air Temperature, 17.70

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 18 to 24, 1929.

Days of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Wed. 18	18	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
Thur. 19	19	10 24 45	5 4	0 2	3 6
Fri. 20	20	10 44 45	5 54	3 7	3 7
Sat. 21	21	10 58 45	5 54	3 7	3 7
Sun. 22	22	11 14 45	5 54	3 7	3 7
Mon. 23	23	11 34 45	5 54	3 7	3 7
Tues. 24	24	11 54 45	5 54	3 7	3 7

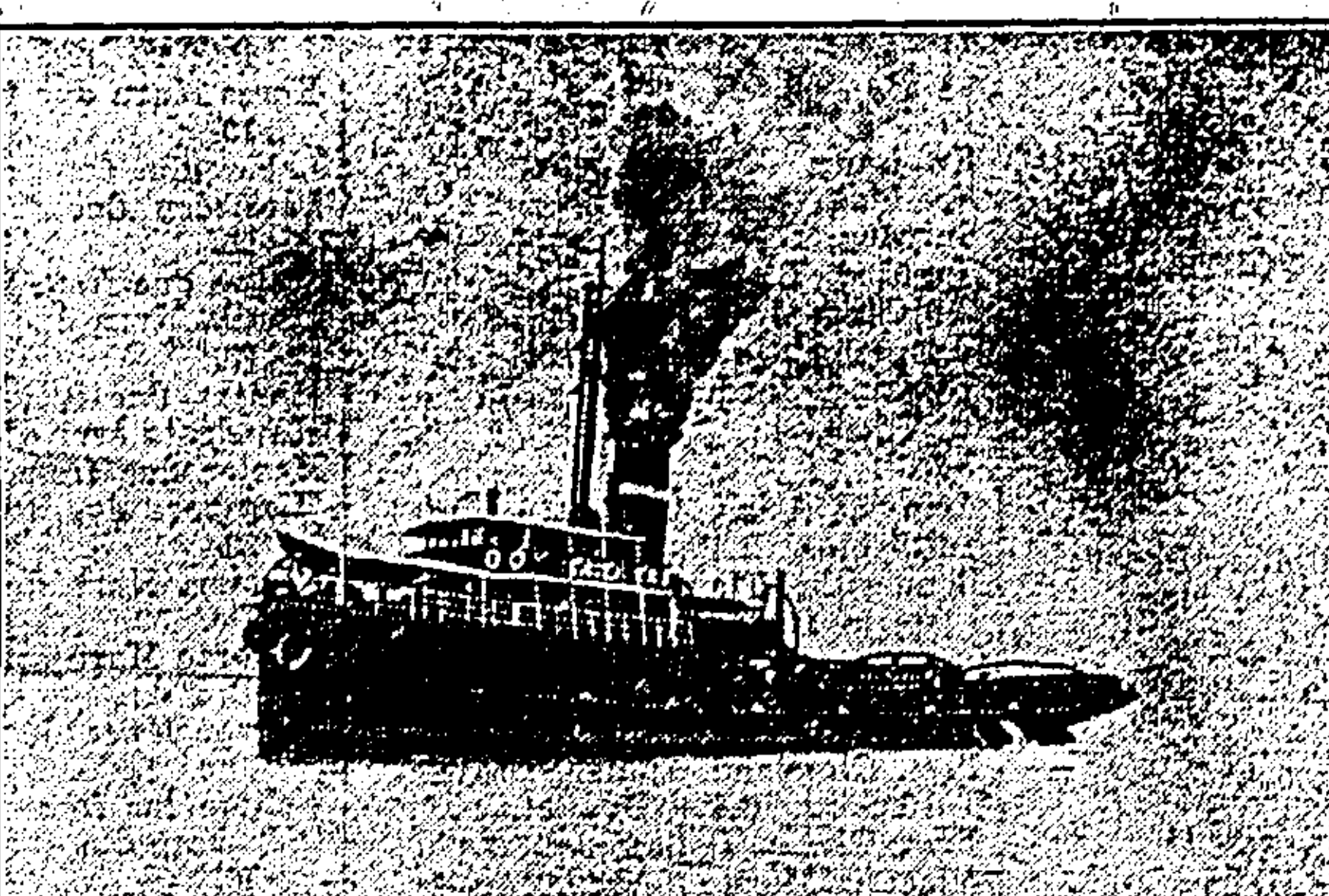
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LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM,

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SUWA MARU ... Saturday, 25th Dec.

FUSHIMI MARU ... Saturday, 11th Jan.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 25th Dec.

AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 22nd Jan.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

TOTTORI MARU ... Friday, 27th Dec.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

ANYO MARU ... Sunday, 22nd Dec.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape

Town & Ports.

KAMAKURA MARU ... Thursday, 2nd Jan.

NEW YORK, BOSTON via PANAMA.

TATSUNO MARU ... Tuesday, 14th Jan.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople, Genoa &

Marseilles.

DURBAN MARU ... Friday, 10th Jan.

CAIRO via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 18,700 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
5,400 TONS.

Cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday by vessels arriving in Hong Kong, were as follow:—

	Cargo for H.K.	Through Ports.
British		
Fooshing	070	030
Tsingtao	—	—
Emp. of Asia	—	230
Vancouver	—	—
Shanghai	500	300
Chenan	—	160
Canton	—	—
Linan	330	230
Shanghai	1,600	1,600
American		
Montana	—	—
Seattle	150	1,370
Pres. Cleveland	—	—
S. Francisco	1,630	3,070
Norwegian		
Siroviken	—	—
Calcutta	6,400	—
Japanese		
Ceylon Maru	—	—
Calcutta	2,220	1,950
Meikai Maru	—	—
Mike	3,000	—
Paling Maru	—	100
Canton	—	—
Chinese		
Shiu Hing	—	—
Macao	60	—
Total	16,730	8,470

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	5	8
American	2	1
Norwegian	2	1
Japanese	3	3
Chinese	1	2
Danish	0	1
Dutch	0	1
Total	13	17

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following ships were in harbour yesterday:—

Wharves.—Kowloon: Pres. Cleveland, Ceylon Maru, Emp. of Asia, Athos II.; Chiou On; Hydrangea; A.P.C.—North Point: Cepolis; Seony—Lanchikok: Standard Arrow; Jardine Matheson's: Foo-ching; Douglas Lapraik: Haiching, Haiyang.

Docks.—Kowloon: Tai Lee, Sui Tai, Kut Sang, Hang Sang, Argonauta, Venezia, Ping Ching; Taikeo; Taishan, Kwangchow, Sinkiang, Kiangsu, Seang Bee; Cosmopolitan; Hai Hing.

Buoys.—A1 Alipore, A2 Anyo Maru, A3 Tjisoren, A4 Taiyo Maru, A5 Tikembang, A6 Tallyhuss, A8 Tuen Kee, B11 Kiungchow, C17 Hiram, C19 Paling Maru, B21 Chenan, A24 Cremer, A25 Montana, A26 Kwaisang, B34 Linan, C35 Hai-yard, B36 Tamahime Maru, B37 Song Bo, C40 Prominent, C41 Haidia, C42 Pong Tong, C43 Tonkin, C44 Toro Maru, C46 Kronviken, B51 Strobiken.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

MARINE COURT CASES.

F. H. Takenoto, a Japanese hawker was fined \$5 by Mr. T. W. H. Hoesgood, at the Marine Court yesterday, for a breach of his license, namely selling cigarettes on board the s.s. Taiyo Maru.

For carrying 18 passengers on her boat which was licensed to carry only 11 persons a sampan woman was fined \$3.

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Emp. of Asia (Br.) Vancouver, Manila 48

Linan (Br.) Shanghai, Amoy 153

Total 201

CLEARANCES

December 17.

Apoc, for Whampoa.

Athos II., for Saigon.

Cepolis, for Tarakan.

Empress for Asia, for Shanghai.

Haiyang, for Swatow.

Kwai Sang, for Swatow.

Rueyang, for Pass Throu.

Linan, for Canton.

Lycemoon, for Swatow.

Montana, for Manila.

Paling Maru, for Shanghai.

President Cleveland, for Manila.

Tamahime, for Keelung.

Tamahime Maru, for Bangkok.

Toyo Maru No. 5, for Canton.

The m.v. Agra (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Hamburg on December 13 and is due here on or about January 23.

ARRIVALS.

December 16.

Linan, British str., 1,333 tons, Capt. W. J. Larter, from Amoy, buoy No. B34.—B. & S.

Montana, American str., 4,820 tons, Capt. F. W. Brooks, from Shanghai, buoy No. A25.—A.M.L.

President Cleveland, American str., 14,123 tons, Capt. M. Griffith, from San Francisco via Japan and Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.

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Borneo, British str., 1,297 tons, 1,297 tons, Capt. J. H. Van den Berg, from Haiphong, buoy No. C45.—Shun Tai S.S. Co.

Bremerhaven, German str., 917 tons, Capt. W. Rohr, from Rabaul, buoy No. C30.—Melchers & Co.

Ceylon Maru, Japanese str., 4,005 tons, Capt. C. Nagaya, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Chenan, British str., 1,354 tons, Capt. A. Cook, from Canton, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,290 tons, Capt. R. Sanada, from Canton, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Athos II., French str., 15,275 tons, Capt. A. Vio, from Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

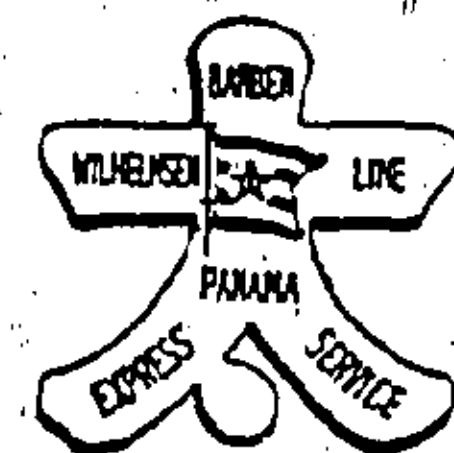
Kronviken, Norwegian str., 1,519 tons, Capt. T. Kvamme, from Canton, buoy No. C46.—Ching Kee & Co.

Meikai Maru, Japanese str., 1,904 tons, Capt. H. Sugiyama, from Miki, Yamaguchi.—M.B.K.

Paling Maru, Japanese str., 1,687 tons, Capt. K. Mineoka, from Canton, buoy No. C19.—N.Y.K.

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"MANTUA"	10,946	2nd Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NELORE"	6,853	7th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	7th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	10th Jan.	Kangshai, Moji & Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,128	17th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	18th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	24th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	31st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	10,006	4th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
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